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The Best Brand of Overcoats ever shown in Stirling, at.....$8.00, $9.00, $10.00, to $20.00

"The Ward Brand" of Ready-to-Wear suits, up-to-the-minute in style, $7.50, $8.50, $9.00, $10.00 to $20.00

500 choice patterns in Suitings made to your ORDER, from.....$14.00 to $25.00

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We have a few Suits in sizes 33 to 36, at **$2.50**, the price of a suit of Overalls, but we don't want you to think they are up-to-date in style, because they are not, but they are good wearing suits that sold from $5.00 to $8.00, but you can have Coat, Vest and Pants for $2.50, at

FRED. T. WARD'S,

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More Ladies' & Misses' Winter Coats

We are now offering the latest novelties in Ladies' and Misses' Coats and we guarantee them to be the best that can be bought for the money. By the best we mean supreme in every respect. Best styles, best materials, and best workmanship.

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The latest call in Coat fashion. Dressy and very comfortable. These come in cut-away and 54 in. straight styles. Made from finest materials, reversible Chinchillas and Tweeds. Prices.....$15.00 and $17.50

FUR-TRIMMED COATS

Ladies' Coats, fine quality Beaver shell, large Fur collar, quilted lining throughout, very special.....$15.00

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Latest style, best quality Beaver shell, NATURAL SABLE collar and best rat lining. This is the best Coat money can buy.
Our special price.....$50.00

CHILDREN'S COATS

All styles, sizes and prices..... $2.50 to $5.50 each

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LADIES' HANDKERCHIEFS—Reg. 5c.....12 for 25c

LADIES' LINEN COLLARS—Fine quality Linen, fancy embroidered designs, reg. 20c. quality, our price.....15c. All sizes.

LADIES' UNDERWEAR—Fine quality, even weave, Vests and Drawers, Gray or White, special.....25c. each

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New Currants.....3 lbs. for 25c
Seedless Raisins.....3 lbs. for 25c
Large Prunes, 60's and 70's, reg. 12½c.....3 lbs. for 25c
Rolled Oats.....8 lbs. for 25c
Rolled Wheat, best quality.....8 lbs. for 25c
Fresh Corn Flakes.....3 for 25c
Puffed Wheat, Post Toasties, Krinkle Corn Flake.....3 for 25c
Best Green Ceylon Tea, reg. 30c. for.....25c
If you use this once you will always use it.
Finest Peels, Lemon, Orange and Citron.....20c. lb
Canned Huckleberries, reg. 15c., special.....10c. can
Canned French Peas, reg. 15c.....2 for 25c
Infants' Delight Soap, per dozen.....90c
If you want the best buy it here and save money.

FOWL! FOWL! FOWL!

We are the largest buyers of all kinds of Dressed Poultry. Bring them in any day of the week.

HOW TO DRESS:

All must be dry picked, all feathers off, not drawn. Heads on Turkeys and Chickens. Heads off Geese and Ducks. Turkeys bled in mouth. Few wing feathers on. Prices:

Chickens.....12c.
Hens.....8c.
Ducks.....12c.
Geese.....10c.
Turkeys.....17c.

Highest price for all kinds of Produce, Dried Apples, Butter, Fowl, etc.

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LONDON, ENG., BRANCH, 51 Threadneedle, St., E.C. { F. W. ASHE, Manager. G. M. C. HART SMITH, Assistant Manager.

Village Council

The regular meeting of the Village Council was held on Monday evening last.

Members present:—R. P. Coulter, Reeve; L. Meiklejohn, S. Wright and J. L. Ashley, Councillors.

Minutes of last regular and special meetings were read and approved.

The following accounts were presented:

J. S. Morton	$ 4 53
A. McCutcheon	2 00
J. W. Haight	3 40
R. Fletcher	2 50
C. Dracup	5 30
B. Wright	4 90
Factory Products, Ltd	15 27
L. and R. W. Meiklejohn	62 80
Stirling Corp. Elec. Dept	83 30
A. L. Saylor	5 25

Moved by Mr. Ashley, seconded by Mr. Wright, that the above accounts be paid. Carried.

Mr. W. J. Spry requested the Council to rebate $1.25 of his taxes for snow shovelling, and after the matter had been given consideration, it was moved by Mr. Ashley seconded by Mr. Meiklejohn, that no action be taken. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Meiklejohn, seconded by Mr. Ashley, that John McCaw, sr., be appointed caretaker of the cemetery on the same terms as previous caretaker. Carried.

The following regulations regarding the placing of corpses in the vault were made: $2.00 for first month or part thereof, and $1.00 for each succeeding month, if buried in the cemetery. If buried elsewhere $4.00 for first month and $1.00 for each succeeding month. Grave digging $6.00 in winter months and $3.00 during summer.

Moved by Mr. Ashley, seconded by Mr. Wright, that these regulations be put in force. Carried.

Mr. Meiklejohn gave notice that he will introduce a by-law at a special meeting, for the purpose of fixing place and date of holding nominations for the positions of Reeve, Councillors and members of the Board of Education.

On motion Council adjourned to Tuesday, Dec. 10th, at 8 p. m.

Address and Presentation

On the evening of Nov. 28th the friends at Mount Pleasant and the neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Eggleton, of Anson, gathered at their home, making it a farewell occasion, before they leave the farm to move to Stirling.

After a social chat, order was called when the following address was read:

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Eggleton.

We, your friends and neighbors have gathered in your home to-night to say good-bye before you leave us to make a new home for yourselves.

We feel that when you go from us there will be a vacancy in our church and community that will be hard to fill. In church life you have stood shoulder to shoulder with us, borne your share of responsibility and we have felt the influence of your Christ-like character. In our sorrows you have sorrowed with us, in our joys you have rejoiced. In our neighborhood you have always been "a friend in every time of need" and as we think of what you have been to us, we felt we could not let you go from us without in some slight way trying to show our appreciation of your kindly services.

We ask you to accept this silver tea service as a slight token of our appreciation and as you look upon it may you remember, that in the hearts of the friends you are leaving there will ever remain the memory of a good life lived and a worthy example set before them, and any time when you feel like visiting your former home there will always be a hearty welcome awaiting you. As you retire from the active duties of life, it is our earnest prayer that God's abiding presence may be with you and that He may lead you on till when yonr last duty is performed He may call you to that home where no change ever comes, where we may dwell forever with Him as one great family.

Signed on behalf of Mount Pleasant congregation and friends,

JOHN REID,
WILL POTTS,
GEORGE WEAVER,
GILBERT SMITH.

Mr. Eggleton made a suitable reply welcoming the friends and making mention of the ties that had been formed. Cake and sandwich were served by the ladies, in abundance and an enjoyable evening was spent by all.

ONE WHO WAS THERE.

When you have a bilious attack give Chamberlain's Tablets a trial. They are excellent. For sale by all dealers.

The War on Tubercolosis

The following circular needs no explanation nor commendation. The object aimed at is most praiseworthy:—

The Minister of Education has had under consideration the representations made to him in behalf of the National Sanitarium Association in favour of the efforts being put forth by the Association to exterminate tuberculosis. In view of the fact that there is a general movement to direct attention to the work of the Association, the Minister desires to notify school boards that the Department approves of the object aimed at by the Association and recommends that on the closing day of school before the Christmas holidays, the trustees or the Principal of the school call attention to the duty of combating the disease, and make such use of the printed statements now being issued as may be deemed expedient. These documents may be secured from the secretary, Mr. R. Dunbar, Secretary-Treasurer of the National Sanitarium Association, 347 King Street West, Toronto.

Toronto, November 15, 1912.

The Tide of New Canadians

Few people stop to think what the tide of immigration pouring in annually means to this country. During the last fiscal year (ending March 31, 1912) over 350,000 immigrants entered Canada, and month by month the number is increasing. The addition of these producers and consumers to Canada's population means greater demands for all the necessities of life, a larger supply of labor for all productive undertakings and greater civic problems; for, notwithstanding the amount of free land available, a large number of the immigrants gravitate to the cities and add their number to the already large slum population.

Ten years ago, the totol annual immigration was only 67,379. In that time therefore, the increase has been slightly over 425 per cent., while in the past five years, it has amounted to nearly 35 per cent.

The Care of Market Eggs

By direction of the Hon. Martin Burrell, Minister of Agriculture a timely bulletin on the care of market eggs has been issued from Ottawa. It directs particular attention to the nature of the enormous losses that result from inadequate and unsatisfactory methods in the handling of market eggs, and suggests means by which permanent and needed improvement may be brought about in the Canadian egg trade, to the corresponding advantage of both producer and cousumer.

This bulletin which is No. 16 of the Live Stock Branch constitutes a pamphlet of 24 pages in which are shown a number of clear photo engravings which are very helpful to a clear understanding of the text. Copies may be had free by applying to the Publications Branch of the Department of Agriculture, Ottawa.

After describing the usual method of handling eggs and the result of lack of care of various kinds, the bulletin offers specific suggestions to the farmer, the merchant, the egg buyer, the railway and express companies, the dealers and packers, the retailer and the consumer. The farmer is enjoined among other things to remove the male bird immediately after the breeding season and market no fertile eggs; to provide roomy nests and plenty of clean nesting material; to collect the eggs regularly at least once, better twice, a day in moderate weather and more frequently in very warm and very cold weather and to remove them at once in clean utensils to a cool dry cellar; to cover with a clean cloth to prevent dust from settling upon them and also to prevent evaporation and fading; to market them in suitable cases as frequently and as directly as possible. The suggestions offered to merchants, buyers, transportation companies and others are equally specific and practical.

If you are troubled with chronic constipation, the mild and gentle effect of Chamberlain's Tablets makes them especially suited to your case. For sale by all dealers.

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T. E. BUTLER YEATS
Manager.

The Mather-Luery Co., Ltd.

CONTINUATION SALE

Another Slaughter of Values for the People--Another Tremendous Bargain Event for Everybody

The balance of our stock now to be mercilessly slaughtered during the entire month of December.

We are just finishing the greatest commercial event that has ever taken place in this County. The prices we placed on our merchandise have moved it rapidly from our building into the homes of the people; and now we inaugurate our second BIG SALE—a Holiday Carnival for all the people. We have gone through the stock re-marking and rearranging, and to move the balance of this splendid stock of High Class Merchandise will put on such a slashing and cutting sale as was never before heard of.

Below we quote a list of articles to be offered as long as they last. Come early and get the pick of these grand offerings.

Read the prices carefully, then come and see for yourselves.

The Last Lowest Prices On China and Glassware

Now is the opportunity to buy China Dinner and Tea Sets at less than import cost:

95 and 97 piece fine quality CHINA DINNER SETS, gold lined and traced, neat floral spray decoration, $15 00 value for.....$9.98

40 piece extra fine quality CHINA TEA SETS, values up to $6.00 for.....$3.48

97 piece SEMI-PORCELAIN DINNER SETS, decorated, gold lined and traced, $10.00 value for..$6.98

10 piece TOILET SETS in finest quality, gold traced and decorated, values up to $5.00 for.....$3.75

10 piece white and gold TOILET SETS, $3.00 values for.....$2.23

Fur Prices Again Smashed

LADIES' RUSSIAN LAMB COAT—Sable trimmed, value for $50.00.....$25.00

LADIES' BLACK CLOTH RAT-LINED COAT—Sable Collar, $50.00 value for.....$35.00

SMALL FURS in Mink, Marmot, Sable, Opposum, etc., in Stoles, Throws and Caperines at ⅓ off value.

SMALL WARES

5 Skeins Peri Lustre for.....5c.
Silkine, spool.....3c.
Clapperton's Spool Cotton.....3c.
5c. boxes Hairpins.....2c.
2 packages Hairpins.....1c.
5c. Embroidery Silk, skein.....1c.
Child's 25c. Hose Supporters.....10c.
Colored Velvet Ribbon, 5 to 7c. values for..3c.

EMBROIDERIES AND LACES

5c. values on sale at.....2c. yd
8c. values on sale at.....4c. yd
10c. values on sale at.....5c. yd
15c. values on sale at.....7½c. yd
20c. values on sale at.....10c. yd

Children's Flannelette Nightgowns

Sizes 4 to 10, in Pink or White, 75c. values for.....35c

Tremendous Bargains In Our Carpet Department

TAPESTRY SQUARES, in size 2¼ x 3 yds., $6.00 values for.....$3.98

TAPESTRY SQUARES—3 x 3 yds., $9.00 value for.....$5.98

TAPESTRY SQUARES—3 x 3½ yds., $10.00 value for.....$6.98

CRESSLEY VELVET SQUARES—3 x 4 yds. $25.00 values for.....$18.98

WOOL AND UNION SQUARES at ⅓ less than value.

60c. UNION CARPETS on sale at....39c.
75c. WOOL CARPETS on sale at.....48c.
50c. LINOLEUMS on sale at...39c. sq. yd.

Gift Goods for Christmas

We have many lines of goods bought for the Christmas trade now arriving. These will be marked at our cut rate prices and comprise:

Toys, Dolls, Fancy Goods, Cut Glass, China, Glassware, Lamps, Fancy and Embroidered Linens, Ladies' Fancy Collars, Cuffs and Handkerchiefs, Gents' Ties and Braces, Fancy Slippers for Men and Women.

Produce taken at full market prices. Bring yours along and get the benefit of our cut rate prices on Christmas groceries.

THE MATHER-LUERY CO., LTD.

CURE FOR WHITE PLAGUE

Berlin Physician Has Finally Given to the World a Destroyer of Tuberculosis

A despatch from Berlin says: Dr. Freiderich Franz Friedman, a Berlin physician, after a decade of experimenting, has finally solved the problem where Dr. Koch failed, and has given to the world a destroyer of the white scourge which such men as Professor Schleich, of the Virchow Hospital, declare will mark one of the greatest epochs in the history of medicine.

A newspaper correspondent visited and interrogated numerous patients who had been treated for tuberculosis, including pulmonary throat trouble and glandular and knee bone tuberculosis. These patients all asserted that they had been cured after one to three injections of the serum. Several of these cases of bone tuberculosis were of long standing, which showed scars where once there had been running sores, which healed up in a few weeks. In two of these cases amputation had failed to cure.

In the course of the investigation the correspondent visited a poor working family, whose child had not walked in four months, owing to tuberculosis of the knee, and also of the lungs. The child received an injection of the serum seven weeks ago, and is now able to run and dance. Another case was that of a young man whom amputation of a limb had failed to cure. The doctors declared that amputation of the leg at the hip was necessary, but the young man was cured in less than three months by the use of the serum, according to statements made by himself and his mother.

The correspondent also talked with the father of two children, both of whom had been suffering from bone tuberculosis. One was cured by Dr. Friedman in six weeks. The other has been under treatment by one of Berlin's most famous specialists for seven months. The specialist has now asked Dr. Friedman to take the case.

Numerous physicians and tuberculosis specialists are on the way to Berlin from Australia, the United States, South America, and other countries to study and investigate the new discovery. Australia is said to be sending a Government commissioner. English physicians are already here.

Dr. Friedman is so deluged with letters and pathetic pleas for treatment and by telegraphic and cable requests from physicians for the serum, and offers to buy the rights, that for the moment his work has almost stopped. Dr. Friedman will not distribute the serum until he is properly protected in the principal countries, but will personally treat cases here. He will open an institute in Berlin next week. Up to the present he has treated about 1,100 cases.

LUNACY DUE TO DRINK.

French Statistics Have Just Been Made Public.

A despatch from Paris says: Some idea of the appalling ravages made by the drink scourge in present-day France may be formed by the terrible series of statistics showing the relation between alcohol and madness which specialists attached to the principal Paris lunatic asylums have just made public. These figures reveal that since 1868, when exact records were started, the proportion of male lunatics whose loss of reason is caused by drink has increased from 14 per cent. to 47 per cent.; while on the female side the percentage has risen from less than 2 to 20. "Most of these unfortunates," say the authors of the report, "are psychopaths descended from other alcoholics."

ONLY CHILDREN DROWNED.

The Sad Bereavement of an Ottawa Family.

A despatch from Ottawa says: Harold, aged five years, and Albert, aged three, the two only children of Lewis J. Turner, a Grand Trunk Railway engineer, residing at 59 Waverley street, broke through the ice and were drowned in the Rideau Canal Saturday afternoon. They had been allowed out to play by their mother, who was engaged with her housework, and wandered down to the canal, a short distance away from home. Their absence was not noticed until an hour later, when search was immediately made, the finding of a hole in the thin ice near the bank of the canal confirming the mother's worst fears.

CARNEGIE TO DIE POOR.

Will Turn Over all His Wealth but a Beggarly $25,000,000.

A despatch from New York says: Andrew Carnegie announces that all but $25,000,000 of his fortune, which will be disposed of under his will, will be left to the Carnegie Corporation of New York, which will carry on his educational and charitable work.

COUNT ALVARO DE ROMANONES.

Count Alvaro de Romanones, the President of the Spanish Chamber of Deputies, has been selected by King Alfonso to form a new Spanish Cabinet in consequence of the assassination of Premier Canalejas.

It was announced that Count de Romanones had decided to retain all the Ministers belonging to the Cabinet of the late Premier Canalejas.

ASSAULT ON JAIL MATRON.

A Colored Woman Prisoner Beats Her Insensible.

A despatch from Owen Sound says: Mrs. Percy Ringo a colored prisoner made a murderous attack upon the county jail matron Miss Jennie McNeil, on Wednesday, and the matron lies in a precarious condition as a result of the beating she received. Her assailant, Mrs. Ringo, will be sent to an asylum, as she has latterly developed maniac tendencies, which culminated in the brutal assault on Miss McNeil. Mrs. Ringo, who had been acting queerly, had, among other hallucinations, the idea that Miss McNeil was trying to poison her, and her insane attack may be attributed partly to this belief. The matron was rescued by County Jailer John Miller after she had been thrown down and beaten, kicked and choked into insensibility.

OUR CRIMINAL FIGURES

Population of the Canadian Penitentiaries Increased Slightly During the Year

A despatch from Ottawa says: Statistics respecting Canada's criminal population are set forth in the annual report of the penitentiaries tabled in the House by the Minister of Justice, Hon. C. J. Doherty, on Wednesday. The average daily population was shown to have been 1,853 last year, as compared with 1,834 in the year previous.

The actual population at the end of the financial year was 1,895, divided as follows:—Kingston, 494; St. Vincent de Paul, 442; Dorchester, 229; Manitoba, 183; British Columbia, 331; Alberta, 167; Saskatchewan, 58.

The parol system works admirably according to W. P. Archibald, Dominion Parole Officer. Since the Act was passed 3,780 sentences have been completed on parole. Of this number only 237 may be characterized as delinquents. The percentage of failures is 5.17. Last year 848 prisoners were thus released.

To the penitentiary population of the year, Montreal contributed the most and Ottawa the fewest. The figures from the principal centres are:—Montreal, 293; Vancouver, 174; Winnipeg, 114; Toronto, 96; Quebec, 51; Victoria, 42; Edmonton, 39; Hamilton, 35; Sydney, 34; Halifax, 33; Calgary, 31; New Westminster, 27; Regina, 21; Ottawa, 19.

By creeds the penitentiary population comprises 934 Catholics, 925 Protestants, 36 Hebrews and 39 Buddhists. The total cost of maintenance was $505,472, or 84 cents per head per day.

PRICES OF FARM PRODUCTS

REPORTS FROM THE LEADING TRADE CENTRES OF AMERICA.

Prices of Cattle, Grain, Cheese and Other Produce at Home and Abroad.

Breadstuffs.

Toronto, Dec. 3.—Flour—Ninety per cent. patents, $4.10 to $4.20. Manitobas—First patents, in jute bags, $5.30; second patents, in jute bags, $4.80; strong bakers', in jute bags, $4.60.

Manitoba Wheat—No. 1 Northern, 90c, Bay ports; No. 2 at 87 1-2c, and No. 3 at 85 1-2c, Bay ports. Feed wheat, 65 to 67c, Bay ports.

Ontario Wheat—No. 2 new white and red wheat, 96 to 97c, outside, and sprouted, 85 to 90c, outside.

Oats—Ontario oats, 34 to 35c, outside, and 37 to 37 1-2c, on track, Toronto. Western Canada oats, 40c for No. 2, and at 38c for feed, Bay ports.

Peas—There are buyers outside for No. 2 at $1.15 to $1.25, but offerings are nil.

Barley—Forty-eight-lb. barley of good quality, 68 to 70c, outside. Feed, 45 to 50c.

Corn—No. 2 old American, 66c, all-rail, Toronto, and No. 3 at 65c, all-rail. New corn, December delivery, 55c, Toronto.

Rye—No. 2 at 83 to 85c, outside.

Buckwheat—51 to 52c, outside.

Bran—Manitoba bran, $22 to $22.50, in bags, Toronto freight. Shorts are quoted at $25.50 to $27.

Country Produce.

Butter—Rolls, choice, 26 to 27c; bakers', inferior, 22 to 24c; choice dairy, tubs, 26c; creamery, 31 to 32c for rolls and 29c for solids.

Eggs—Case lots of fresh, 33c per dozen, and of cold storage, 27 to 28c; strictly new-laid, 40 to 45c per dozen.

Cheese—14 1-4c for large and 14 1-2c for twins.

Beans—Hand-picked, $3 per bushel; primes, $2.90, in a jobbing way.

Honey—Extracted in tins, 12 to 12 1-2c per pound for No. 1, wholesale; combs, $2.50 to $3 per dozen for No. 1, and $2.40 for No. 2.

Poultry—Well-fatted, clean, dry-picked stock was quoted as follows:—Chickens, 13 to 15c per lb; fowl, 10 to 12c; ducks, 14 to 16c; geese, 12 to 14c; turkeys, 18 to 21c. Live poultry, about 2c lower than the above.

Potatoes—Good stock quoted at 80 to 85c per bag, on track, and New Brunswick 95c per bag.

Baled Hay and Straw.

Baled Hay—No. 1 at $14 to $14.50, on track, Toronto; No. 2, $12 to $12.50. Mixed hay, $10 to $11 a ton, on track.

Baled Straw—$10, on track, Toronto.

Montreal Markets.

Montreal, Dec. 3.—Oats, Canadian Western, No. 2, 44 1-2 to 45c; extra No. 1 feed, 44 to 44 1-2c; No. 2 local white, 42c; No. 3 local white, 41c; No. 4 local white, 40c. Barley, Man. feed, 61 to 62c; malting, 80 to 82c. Buckwheat, No. 2, 55 to 57c. Flour, Man. Spring wheat patents, firsts, $5.40; seconds, $4.90; strong bakers', $4.70; Winter patents, choice, $5.35; straight rollers, $4.95 to $5; straight rollers, bags, $2.35 to $2.40. Rolled oats, barrels, $5.05; do., bags, 90 lbs, $2.40. Bran, $21. Shorts, $25 to $26. Middlings, $28 to $30. Mouillie, $30 to $35. Hay, No. 2, per ton car lots, $13 to $13.50. Cheese, finest westerns, 12 1-4 to 12 1-2c; finest easterns, 11 1-2 to 12c. Butter, choicest creamery, 30 1-4 to 30 1-2c; seconds, 28 3-4 to 29c. Eggs, selected, 30 to 31c; No. 2 stock, 21 to 22c. Potatoes, per bag, car lots, 70 to 85c.

Live Stock Markets.

Montreal, Dec. 3.—Steers sold from $6.00 to $8.00. Cows from $2.50 to $8.25, and bulls at $2.50 to $3.25 per cwt. Canning stock from $1.50 to $2.50 per cwt. Lambs, $6.25 to $6.50, while sheep brought $4.00 per cwt. Selected lots of hogs, $9.25 per cwt., weighed off cars. Calves from $3.00 to $12.00 each, as to size and quality.

Toronto, Dec. 3.—Cattle—Choice butcher, $5.75 to $6.25; export, $6 to $8.25; good medium, $5.25 to $5.75; common, $3.75 to $3.75; cows, $3 to $4; bulls, $3 to $4.50; canners, $1.50 to $2. Calves—Good veal, $7 to $9; common, $3 to $8.25. Stockers and feeders—Steers, 550 to 750 pounds, at $3.75 to $4.25; feeding bulls, 600 to 1,200 pounds, at $2.75 to $4.25. Milkers and springers—Steady demand for good stock, at from $50 to $60. Sheep and lambs—Light ewes, $4 to $4.50; heavy ewes, $3 to $3.50; lambs, $6 to $6.65. Hogs—Market firm at $8.35 to $8.50, fed and watered, and $8 to $8.15 f.o.b.

United States Markets.

Minneapolis, Dec. 3.—Wheat—December, 80 1-4c; May, 85 3-8 to 86 1-2c; No. 1 hard, 83 1-2c; No. 1 Northern, 81 1-2 to 83c; No. 2 do., 79 1-2 to 81c. Corn—No. 3 yellow, 44 to 46c. Oats—No. 3 white, 29 1-2 to 29 3-4c. Rye—No. 2, 55 to 57c. Bran—$18 to $18.50. Flour—First patents, $4.15 to $4.45; second patents, $4 to $4.25; first clears, $3 to $3.30; second clears, $2.20 to $2.50.

Duluth, Dec. 3.—Linseed—On track, $1.28 1-2; to arrive, $1.28 1-2; November, $1.30 bid; December, $1.27 1-2 bid; January, $1.28 1-2 bid; May, $1.32 bid. Wheat—No. 1 hard, 82 3-8c; No. 1 Northern, 81 3-8c; No. 2 do., 79 3-8c; December, 80 3-8 to 80 1-2c; May, 85 1-8c bid.

BABY BARELY SAVED.

Its Mother Discovers Flames Just in Time.

A despatch from Parry Sound says: The frame residence of John Tuck, in this place, was destroyed by fire shortly before noon on Wednesday. The fire occurred in the upper part of the house, in which a baby was sleeping. Mrs. Tuck discovered the flames and rushed to the rescue of her baby. Her hair caught fire, and she suffered about the face and hands. The baby was badly burned about the head and face, and is being treated at the Parry Sound General Hospital, where hopes are entertained of saving its life.

WORLD'S BUSINESS BOOMED.

Grand Total for Present Year Will Reach $35,000,000,000.

A despatch from Washington says: In the present year the world's international business will reach the enormous total of $35,000,000,000, according to a report issued on Friday by the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce. The estimate is made on official returns of exports and imports from virtually every commercial country in the world. Nearly every nation reported a greater exchange of commodities than ever before had been known.

MAN FOUND DEAD.

Gas Heater in His Room in Toronto was Turned on Full.

A despatch from Toronto says: Andrew Latta of Belleville, aged sixty-seven years, was found asphyxiated in his bedroom at 83 Ann street on Friday morning. He had arrived in the city the night before from Manitoba and intended visiting relatives in the city for a few days before returning to Belleville.

THE NEWS IN A PARAGRAPH

HAPPENINGS FROM ALL OVER THE GLOBE IN A NUTSHELL.

Canada, the Empire and the World in General Before Your Eyes.

Canada.

The Canadian Northern Railway will erect a large office building in Toronto.

The Cobalt post-office will be removed to the Royal Exchange building.

George W. Vale of Waterloo succumbed to blood-poisoning from a scratch on the finger.

A Montreal department store is to inaugurate the eight-hour day for its 1,400 female employes.

Maurice T. Bailey of Forest fell into a vat of hot water in the basket factory and was fatally scalded.

Berlin has been notified by the Provincial Board of Health to provide additional sewage disposal beds.

Mr. James M. Shanly, one of the best-known civil engineers in Canada, died at Montreal, on Friday, aged fifty-five.

The new departmental store planned for Scroggies, Limited, Montreal, will include restaurants, theatre and roof garden.

The Cobalt miners have decided against calling an immediate strike, and it is thought the Porcupine strike will not last long.

Miss Louise Moore of Elizabethtown walked out while asleep into a snowy field in her night dress and perished from exposure.

Wm. L. Beatty, head of the firm of M. Beatty & Son, Welland, manufacturers, died on Friday, at the age of seventy-one.

A baby in Montreal in convulsion was put by its frightened mother into a bath of boiling water with fatal results.

Mrs. Fred Midgley of Hamilton, thirty years of age, committed suicided by taking carbolic acid after preparing the family breakfast.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Sweeney of Point Anne, near Belleville, were drowned on Friday, when their motor boat was pierced by ice and sank.

Willie Billings, four years old, fell while climbing a fence on his father's farm in Guelph township, striking his head on the frozen ground, and died in a few hours.

Sarnia authorities are investigating why the police didn't discover the fire in a hub and spoke factory, the first alarm being telephoned from Port Huron, Mich., across the river.

Alphonse Raney, of Newfoundland, and John Carter of Nova Scotia, students at the College of Propaganda Fide, in Rome, were injured when a runaway auto struck them.

The Grand Trunk Pacific and the Grand Trunk have each applied to Parliament for authority to issue $25,000,000 four per cent. debenture stock, or $50,000,000 in all for the purchase of equipment.

Great Britain.

Three suffragettes were arrested at a Lloyd George meeting.

Great Britain has arranged with the Sultan of Oman to stop the gun-running, whereby the border tribes of the north-western part of India get arms. France is squeezing the Sultan to cancel the arrangement because it affects a French industry.

United States.

Wm. Castlebury, of Bartlesville, Okla., aged 90, is a proud father once again. His wife is 36.

The 52 general chairmen representing the engineers of as many railroads east of Chicago have formed a permanent organization to be known as the "Eastern General Chairmen Association, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers."

Evidence that a jail delivery was planned by prisoners during the time John Schrank, would-be assassin of Theodore Roosevelt, was confined in Milwaukee, was revealed when twelve steel saws were found hidden under a mattress.

Albert Patrick, lawyer, condemned in New York city in 1900, the sentence later being commuted to life imprisonment for poisoning Wm. Rice, an aged millionaire, has been pardoned. He made several legal fights for freedom. It was charged he bribed Rice's valet to give poison.

General.

Five hundred Armenian notabilities have signed a petition to the Czar of Russia invoking Russian protection.

Electricity the Best.

"You ought to be glad that you will be electrocuted instead of hanged," said a prison visitor to a convicted murderer. "Why?" asked the felon in surprise. "You suffer greatly from rheumatism, don't you?" "Yes." "Well, electricity is the best known remedy for that!"

SERVIANS OCCUPY DURAZZO

Autrian Government Preparing for Any Development in the Balkan Crisis

A despatch from London says: The Servians, ignoring the proclamation of Albanian independence, have occupied the port of Durazzo without resistance. This information comes in a direct despatch from that town on Thursday night. No resistance was offered to the entry of the Servian troops.

"We have now occupied Durazzo for perpetuity," is the telegram which General Jankovitch, the Servian commander, has sent to the Belgrade Government.

The fact that the Belgrade Government has made public this telegram, says the Vienna correspondent of The Daily Telegraph, is regarded as proving Servia's irreconcilable attitude.

Budapest papers assert that Servia is mobilizing against Austria, and intends to form a new army, armed with the weapons captured from the Turks.

Warlike Feeling in Vienna.

A despatch from Vienna says: Much excitement has been occasioned by the action of the Government in arranging for the mobilization of the Austrian army, which proves the Ministers' determination to be fully prepared for any development in the Balkan crisis. The Parliamentary leaders met on Thursday night and decided to allow the Premier's three bills dealing with matters connected with the mobilization to go to committee without the customary first reading.

Turkish Force Captured.

A despatch from Sofit says: Two entire divisions of Turkish reserves surrendered on Friday to the Bulgarian troops near the village of Narhamli, between the port of Dedeabhach and Demotica, according to an announcement made by the official news agency here. A very fierce fight between the Turks and Bulgarians preceded the capitulation of the two divisions of Turkish reserves. The Turkish force was commanded by Yader Pasha. Two Generals, 252 Turkish officers and 8,879 men surrendered. The loot captured by the Bulgarians included eight mountain guns, two machine guns, 1,000 horses and large quantities of munitions. The Turkish prisoners have been sent to Demotica.

Peace in Sight.

A despatch from London says: The signature of the protocol of the armistice between the Balkan allies and Turkey, which was expected on Sunday, has been postponed until Tuesday, as the Greek delegate has not yet received the necessary authority from his Government.

It is rumored that in addition to the Bulgarian troops just landed at Dedeagheatche another large force of Greek troops from Salonika is at sea, and it is suggested that Greece may delay signing the armistice in order to enable these troops to arrive at their destination, which is supposed to be the Gulf of Saros in Gallipoli.

It is understood that the armistice will extend for about a fortnight, if necessary, and cover the whole field of operations. The difficulty with respect to the beleaguered garrisons of Adrianople and Scutari is being surmounted by permitting them to receive daily rations during the armistice.

CHRISTMAS STAMPS.

National Sanitarium Association Will Issue 3,000,000.

Every person in Ontario will be given an opportunity of assisting in a small but practical way the work carried on by the National Sanitarium Association for the cure and prevention of tuberculosis. Three million little red Christmas stamps are being placed on sale at one cent each, and the proceeds will go to the funds available for combatting the white plague in Ontario. These attractive little stickers are designed to be affixed to all classes of mail during the holiday season, and serve to remind the recipient of the needs of the sick and suffering. They are being distributed through various business, social, religious and philanthropic organizations, or may be purchased direct from the Association secretary, at 347 King St. West, Toronto. "These stamps will not carry any mail, but all mail can carry these stamps," is the legend on the envelope in which the stamps are sold.

Frank Doyle was sentenced at Parry Sound to four years for burglary.

MINER BECOMES INSANE.

He Suddenly Attacks Two Fellow-Workmen.

A despatch from South Porcupine says: A French-Canadian suddenly went crazy in the Dome bunk-house on Wednesday afternoon and attacked two Austrian miners with a knife and an iron bar. They were lying quietly in their bunks when he drew a knife and slashed one man in the face and struck another savagely with an iron bar. Both men are severely hurt, but not seriously injured. The Frenchman was arrested by the Provincial Police, and will be medically examined. All three men had come to work but a few days ago at the Dome, and are unknown, except by number.

COLLEGE AWARDED $139,607.

For Land Expropriated by the Transcontinental Railway.

A despatch from Ottawa says: Judgment was given by Mr. Justice Audette in the Exchequer Court on Wednesday, awarding the College of St. Boniface, Manitoba, 139,607, with interest and costs, for forty acres of land expropriated by the National Transcontinental Railway.

A POLICE OFFICIAL SHOT

Three Shots Fired at Sir Edward R. Henry, One Causing a Serious Wound

A despatch from London, England, says: Sir Edward Richard Henry, Chief Commissioner of the London Metropolitan Police, was shot and seriously wounded on Wednesday night by a man who had an alleged grievance against him. Sir Edward was alighting from a motor-car at his residence in Kensington on his return from Scotland Yard, when the man rushed from the opposite side of the street and shot at him three times with a revolver. One bullet entered the left groin, inflicting a dangerous wound; the others missed their mark. The Commissioner's chauffeur, who is an ex-policeman, grappled with the assailant and overpowered him. It turned out that the man, whose name is Bowes, had a month ago applied at Scotland Yard for a taxicab license, which was refused. Subsequently he wrote to the Commissioner, pleading for a reconsideration, but without avail. For this reason he nursed a grudge against Sir Edward and lay in wait for him.

SUFFRAGETTES ON RAMPAGE

Fire Letter Boxes Throughout London and in a Number of Provincial Towns

A despatch from London says: The ingenuity of the militant suffragette party has broken out in a new direction and in a manner likely to cause inconvenience and loss to thousands of people. It took the form on Thursday night of an organized raid upon the pillar letter boxes throughout the city of London, in the west end and many of the suburbs, and also in several provincial towns, including Birmingham and Nottingham. When the postmen went on their evening rounds to collect the letters they discovered in the boxes acids and black, sticky fluids of various kinds, in some cases inflammable material such as rags soaked in paraffin. As a result of this the addresses on the letters in a large number of cases were partly or wholly obliterated. The outrages were carefully organized. The method generally employed was the thrusting into the box of a long, unsealed envelope containing an open bottle of fluid. Another method was to pour acids and varnishes into the boxes by means of India rubber tubing. In a few cases the contents of the pillar boxes were set on fire.

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On the Farm

Raising Hogs.

It is very necessary that we recognize hog cholera and swine plague in the very early stages in order to prevent them from spreading. In some outbreaks the symptoms are not typical and we cannot diagnose the disease by the symptoms alone. In such cases we should destroy a sick hog and make a careful post-mortem examination, says Prof. R. A. Craig.

If the disease proves to be hog cholera or swine plague, and it is practical under the conditions the herd should be divided into small bunches. The sick animals should be separated from the well ones and all possible precautions taken against the spread of the disease.

Do not move the hogs to different parts of the farm, nor scatter the disease over the farm. If the yards and hog houses are in such a condition that they cannot be properly cleaned and disinfected we should move the herd to some convenient place and build temporary quarters.

When the weather is warm the only protection needed is shade. In cold weather it is necessary to provide quarters warm enough to prevent the hogs from piling up and catching cold. Portable hog houses are very useful for this purpose.

The yards, feeding floors, troughs and hog houses must be kept clean. All litter must be removed daily, and the frequent spraying of the hogs, feeding floors and sleeping quarters with a water solution (two per cent. or more, of a tar disinfectant is a necessary part of the care.

Both the sick and well hogs should be fed a light diet of sloppy food, shorts, bran and the like. Water or slops must not be left in the trough for the hogs to wallow in. Copper sulphate dissolved in the water and slop in the proportion of four or five ounces to the barrel may lessen the chance of infection.

As soon as a hog comes down with the disease it should be removed to the pens set aside for the sick animals. These pens should not communicate in any way with the pens where the well hogs are kept.

The dead hogs should be burned. This is not a difficult task if the body is placed on top of a pile of wood that will burn quickly and make a hot fire. If disposed of by burying is should be well done and the body covered with lime. However, this is not as satisfactory as burning.

The length of time that the hog houses and their surroundings will remain infected will depend on the care taken in cleaning them. In filth the germs may live for five months. All litter about the yards must be burned or removed to a place where the hogs cannot come in contact with it.

Whitewash and disinfectants must be used freely about the hog house and yards. If the cleaning and disinfecting is carefully done we may be able to stock up again within a few weeks afte the hogs have stopped dying and suffer no further loss, but it is usually best to wait two or three months before we do this, or depend on the hogs that have survived for a fresh start.

Where it is practical we should move the hogs to some other part of the farm and build new and better yards.

The pure-bred hog will mature and come into money more quickly than a scrub, and bring more money for the same weight at that.

If sows are closely watched at farrowing time and the pigs immediately be placed in a position to suck they are not so apt to devour them.

The farmer who marketed his corn in the hog yard and who is now marketing the hogs, can look any man in the face and tell him to go to any old place.

One acre of alfalfa will furnish more forage for hogs than two acres of clover, and it grows faster and keeps on growing as fast as the hogs eat it down.

Pigs will live and grow on rape without a supplement of grain, but a small addition of the latter is profitable. Dry sows will, however, do well on the rape alone.

Never feed more than hogs will eat up freely. Many farmers do not practice this, but keep a quantity of uneaten food lying in the lot at all times.

A few coals from the wood fire of the kitchen put into the houses now and then, where the hogs can grind them up into charcoal, help to keep the hogs healthy.

Steaming food for hogs is an easy matter. All that is required is a large box connected with a small boiler by a one-inch pipe. The pipe should connect the box at the bottom.

If you are in doubt kill the bigger hog, for it makes better meat and the ham of a light hog is hardly worth curing, if you are fond of the meat, for it dwindles far too rapidly.

Sir Cecil Arthur Spring-Rice.

The new ambassador to the United States.

FOREST RANGERS' HOUSES.

Are To Be Built On Many Dominion Reserves.

In order to protect and administer the Dominion Forest Reserves to the best advantage, they are being subdivided into ranger districts and houses are being built at strategic points for the use of the rangers in charge. The first of such houses to be occupied on the Duck Mountain Forest Reserve is located at Madge Lake, a few miles from Kamsack, Sask.

Madge Lake is a beautiful, island-studded sheet of water, covering seven square miles, and this ranger-dwelling is picturesquely placed on its southern shore. It is a comfortable house, well planned and well lighted, containing living rooms, as well as office. It will be painted a dark green with white trimmings.

The trail from this ranger station to Kamsack will next year be widened and otherwise improved. This will benefit the ranger, convenience the public who have forest business to transact, and induce an increasing number of people to enjoy the many delights of a summer outing at Madge Lake.

The ranger at this station has direct charge of some two hundred and thirty square miles of highly valuable, young, second-growth spruce and poplar forest, and his central object and work will be to safeguard it from fire by every possible means, so that in two or three decades it may yield welcome and abundant supplies of fuel and lumber to the dwellers on the prairies.

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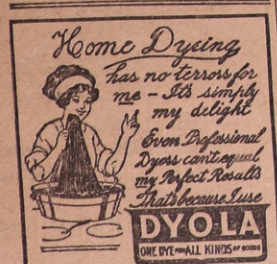

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OR, A CURIOUS MYSTERY EXPLAINED.

CHAPTER XXVI.—(Cont'd)

Frithiof's clouded face instantly cleared.

"Thank you," he said, simply.

"Well, now, is it possible for an outsider to help in unraveling the mystery?" said Donati. "For when a man like you is accused in this way I take it for granted there must be a mystery."

"No one can possibly explain it," said Frithiof. "I can't tell in the least how the thing happened, but appearances were altogether against me. It is the most extraordinary affair, but God knows I had no hand in it."

"I want to hear all about it," said Donati. "I am leaving England to-morrow; can't you come back and have supper with me now, and let me hear this just as it all happened?"

Even if he had wished to refuse, Frithiof could hardly have done so; and, as it was, he was so miserable that he would have caught at much less hearty sympathy. They walked along the crowded pavement toward Sackville Street, and had almost reached the carriage when a conversation immediately behind them became distinctly audible.

"They make such a fuss over this Donati," said the speaker. "But I happen to know that he's a most disreputable character. I was hearing all about him the other day from some one who used to know him intimately. They say you know that—"

Here the conversation died away in the distance, and what that curse of modern society—the almighty "They"—said as to Donati's private affairs remained unknown to him.

Frithiof glanced at the singer's face.

"No matter," said Donati in a minute, "I do not sing for a gossiping public. I sing for Christ."

"But that they should dare say such a thing as that!" exclaimed Frithiof.

"For one's self," said Donati, "it is—well—not much; but for the sake of those belonging to one it certainly does carry a sting. But every one who serves the public in a public capacity is in the same boat. It doesn't make one immoral to be considered immoral, and it doesn't make you a thief to be considered dishonest. But now I want to hear about this accusation of Mr. Horner's. When did it all happen?"

In the dim light Frithiof told his story; it was a relief to tell it to sympathetic ears; Donati's faith in him seemed to fill him with new life, and though the strange events of that miserable Monday did not grow any clearer in the telling, yet somehow a hope began to dawn in his heart.

"It certainly is most unaccountable," said Donati as the carriage drew up before a pretty little villa in Avenue Road. He paused to speak to the coachman. "We shall want the carriage in time to go to the 9.40 train at Charing Cross, Wilson; good-night."

"But if you start so early," said Frithiof, "I had better not hinder you any longer."

"You do not hinder me; I am very much interested. You must certainly come in to supper, and afterward I want to hear more about this. How unlucky it was that the five-pound note should have been changed that day by Sardoni!"

At this moment the door was opened; Frithiof caught a vision of a slim figure in a pale rose-colored tea-gown, and the loveliest face he had ever seen was raised to kiss Donati as he entered.

"How nice and early you are!" exclaimed a fresh, merry voice. Then catching sight of a strange, and blushing a little, she added: "I fancied it was Jack and Domenica you were bringing back with you."

"Let me introduce you to my wife, Herr Falck," said Donati.

The house was prettily, but very simply, furnished, and about it there was that indefinable air of home that Frithiof had so often noticed in Rowan Tree House.

"You must forgive a very unceremonious supper, Herr Falck," said Francesca, "but the fact is, I have sent all the servants to bed, for I knew they would have to be up early to-morrow, and they feel the traveling a good deal."

"Much more than you and I do," said Donati. "We have grown quite hardened to it."

"Then this is not your regular home?" asked Frithiof.

"Yes, it is our English home. We generally have five months here and five at Naples, with the rest of the time either at Paris or Berlin or Vienna. After all, a wandering life makes very little difference when you carry about your home with you."

"And baby is the best traveler in the world," said Donati, "and in every way the most model baby. I think," glancing at his wife, "that she is as true a gypsy as Gigi himself."

"Poor Gigi! he can't bear being left behind! By the bye, had you time to take him back to school before the concert or did he go alone?"

"I had just time to take him," said Donati, waiting upon Frithiof as he talked. "He was rather doleful, poor old man; but cheered up when I told him that he was to spend the summer holidays at Merlebank, and to come to Naples at Christmas. It is a nephew of mine of whom we speak," he explained to Frithiof; "and, of course, his education has to be thought of, and can not always fit in with my engagements. You go in very much for education in Norway, I understand?"

Frithiof found himself talking quite naturally and composedly about Norwegian customs and his former life, and it was not until afterward that it struck him as a strange thing that on the very day after his disgrace, when, but for Mr. Boniface's kindness, he might actually have been in prison he should be quietly, and even for the time happily, talking of the old days.

They did not linger long over the supper-table, for Frithiof was suffering too much to eat, and Donati, like most of his countrymen, had a very small appetite. Francesca, with a kindly good-night to the Norwegian, went upstairs to her baby, and the two men drew their chairs up to the open French window at the back of the room looking on to the little garden to which the moonlight gave a certain mysterious charm.

"I have thought over it," said Donati almost abruptly, "but I can't find the very slightest clew. It is certainly a mystery."

"And must always remain so," said Frithiof, despairingly.

"I do not think that at all. Some day all will probably be explained. And be sure to let me hear when it is, for I shall be anxious to know."

"It will never be explained," Frithiof said. "I was born under an unlucky star; at the very moment when all seems well something has always interfered to spoil my life, and with my father it was exactly the same—it was un undeserved disgrace that actually killed him."

And then, to his own astonishment, he found himself telling Donati, bit by bit, the whole of his own story. The Italian said very little, but he listened intently, and in truth possessed exactly the right characteristics for a confidant—rare sympathy, tact, and absolute faithfulness.

"It is to this injustice," said Frithiof, as he ended his tale, "to this unrighteous success of the mercenary and scheming, and failure of the honorable, that Christianity tells one to be resigned. It is that which sets me against religion—which makes it all seem false and illogical—actually immoral."

Probably Donati would not even have alluded to religion had not his companion himself introduced the subject. "Pardon me, if I venture to show you a flaw in your argument," he said, quietly. "You say we are told to be resigned. Very well. But what is resignation? It was well defined once by a noble Russian writer who said that it is 'placing God between ourselves and our trouble.' There is nothing illogical in that. It is the merest common sense. When finite things worry and perplex you, turn to the Infinite from which they may be safely and peacefully viewed."

Frithiof thought of those words which had involuntarily escaped his companion after the remark of the passer-by in Picadilly—"No matter!—I do not sing for a gossiping world." He began to understand Donati better—he longed with an intensity of longing to be able to look at life with such eyes as his.

"These things are so real to you," he said, quickly. "But to me they are only a hope—or, if for an hour or two real, they fade away again. It may be all very well for you in your successful, happy life, but it is impossible for me with everything against me."

"Impossible!" exclaimed Donati, his eyes flashing.

"If not impossible, at any rate very difficult," he replied.

"Yes, yes," said Donati, his eyes full of sympathy. "It is that to all of us. Don't think I make light of your difficulties. It is hard to seek God in uncongenial surroundings, in a life harassed and misunderstood, and in apparent failure. But—don't let the hardness daunt you—just go on."

"Do you know," said Frithiof, smiling, "that is almost what you said to me the first time I saw you. You have forgotten it; but a year ago you said a few words to me which kept me from making an end of myself in a fit of despair. Do you remember coming to the shop about a song of Knight's?"

"Why, yes," said Donati. "Was that really you? It all comes back to me now—I remember you found the song for me though I had only the merest scrap of it, without the composer's name."

"It was just before my illness," said Frithiof. "I never forgot you, and recognized you the moment I saw you to-night. Somehow you saved my life then just by giving me a hope."

When at length he rose to go, Donati had, as it were, saved Frithiof from moral death, had drawn him out of the Slough of Despond, and started him with renewed hope on his way.

"Wait just one moment," he said, as they stood by the door; "I will give you one of my cards and write on it the Italian address. There 'Villa Valentina, Napoli.' Don't forget to write and tell me when this affair is cleared up."

Frithiof grasped his hand, and, again thanking him, passed out into the quiet, moonlit street.

CHAPTER XXVII.

The events of Monday had cast a shadow over Rowan Tree House. Cecil no longer sung as she went to and fro, Mr. Boniface was paying the penalty of a stormy interview late on Monday evening with his partner, and was not well enough to leave his room, and Mrs. Boniface looked grave and sad, for she foresaw the difficulties in which Frithiof's disgrace would involve others.

"I wish Roy had been at home," she said to her daughter as they sat together in the veranda.

Cecil looked up for a moment from the little frock which she was making for Gwen.

"If he had been at home, I can't help thinking that this never would have happened," she said. "And I have a sort of hope that he will find out some explanation of it all."

"My dear, what explanation can there be but the one that satisfies your father?" said Mrs. Boniface. "Frithiof must have taken it in a fit of momentary aberration. But the whole affair shows that he is not so strong yet as we fancied, and I fear is a sign that all his life he will feel the effects of his illness. It is that which makes me so sorry for them all."

"I do not believe that he took it," said Cecil. "Nothing will ever make me believe that."

"Did you see him last night at the concert?" asked Mrs. Boniface.

"Yes," said Cecil choking back her tears; "just when he arranged the platform. He was looking very ill and worn."

"That is what I am afraid of. He will go worrying over this affair, and it is the very worst thing in the world for him. I wish your father were better, and I would go and have a talk with Sigrid; but I hardly like to leave the house. How would it be, dearie, if you went up and saw them?"

(To be continued.)

TWO POINTERS ON HOW TO CURE A COLD

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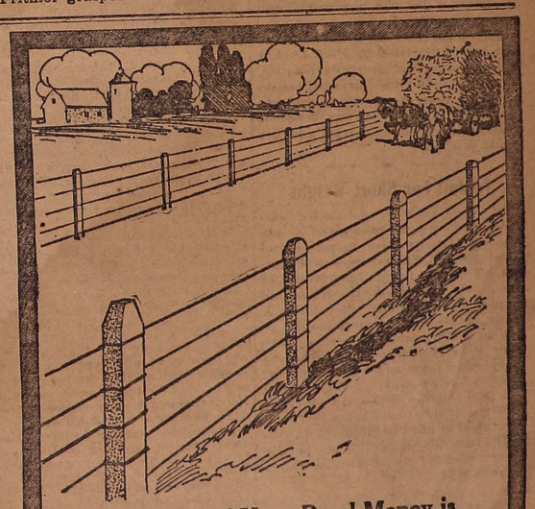

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Cleanliness

The statement of Prof. G. G. Publow, chief dairy instructor for Eastern Ontario, at the Dairymen's banquet at Picton on Friday night, that he saw the same kind of cheese that we are making in Ontario selling in London, England, at from four to six cents a pound higher than the best Canadian made article, is worthy of more than passing attention. Canada is making to-day more uniformly good cheese than is manufactured by any other country in the world. But we have nowhere reached the high scale of excellence attained by the skilled men of Great Britain.

People were found in abundance willing to pay those fancy prices. They did it gladly and would buy more of the same kind of stuff if it was to be had.

The difference in quality which made those prices justifiable was due to one word—cleanliness.

The cattle were housed in stables porcelain lined, and paved with pebbled concrete. The floors and walls were washed down twice a day with soap and hot water. The milch cows were as carefully looked after as a thoroughbred trotting horse. Maids in spotless linen drew the milk and carefully washed their hands after each cow had been milked. From the first to the last operation there was the most scrupulous care observed to prevent any contamination of the pure milk either by foreign matter of any kind or foul odors.

The result was the fancy prices obtained.

Is there any such care observed by any patron of a cheese factory in Canada? The very propounding of such a query is apt to provoke a simile of derision. We have nothing but contempt for "gentleman" farmers.

The fact is that the process of milking as ordinarily carried on in this country violates every principle of cleanliness. Did you ever watch the milkers go through their evolutions and then notice the condition of their hands when the work was concluded? Suppose the milkers, without washing their hands when the milking was done, went in to prepare the morning or evening meal. Would your appetite be keen after seeing it done? Yet in the vast majority of stables and with the vast majority of dairymen, this filthy process goes on. The most highly skilled cheesemakers in the world could not make a gilt-edged product from such raw material. Milk is the most susceptible of fluids to take up bad odors or incorporte harmful bacteria.

As Prof. Publow said, the death of many thousands of young children annually can be attributed to lack of cleanlinesss in the procuring and caring for milk.

Such elaborate methods of prevention as are described by Prof. Publow are of course not generally possible, but every individual dairyman can do far more than at present to promote cleanliness and in that way render it possible to put on the market a higher grade product.

To Jail For Short Weight

In New York a coal dealer who gave short weight was given a sentence of twenty days in prison and fined $500 in Special Session Court. "Your offence merits the severity of the court," said Mr. Justice Russell, in imposing this penalty upon Ehler J. Ernst, who had pleaded guilty to selling 3,310 pounds of coal as two tons to a Harlem resident. Ernst's lawyer had made a plea for clemency, but the court said: "What about the poor families of the city who have suffered at this man's hands? This is a crime that must be stopped."

If Ernst does'nt pay his fine he will have to spend an additional thirty days in jail.

Heart, Head, Hand.

Educate the heart to feel, train the head to think, accustom the hand to act. Tens of Thousands of young people holding foremost positions in Canada and United States at salaries ranging from ($1,000) to ($10,000) and more per year, received their training and their first position from the Spotton Chain of seven colleges. Hundreds of Colleges in Canada and United States have engaged our graduates as teachers. Ambitious young people can learn of the success of former students in their locality for the asking. The Home Study Department assists those who cannot enter college for a time. It pays to attend the largest organization in Canada with thirty years' experience. A way can be opened for you, no matter what your obstacles. Applications from this town and vicinity should be sent to the Peterboro Business College or the famouss Spotton Business College, London.

The war in the Balkans is thought to be over, an armistice having been signed between Turkey and the allied states. The war has been short and destructive of life and property. The loss of life on both sides has been heavy, though the Turkish losses were the greater. The war commenced on October the 9th and has lasted hardly two months.

Two residents of Point Ann, about five miles east of Belleville, Daniel Sweeney and wife, were drowned in the Bay o' Quinte Thursday. Their motor boat was crushed in the ice.

THE HEROIC INVENTOR

PRIVATIONS AND SUFFERINGS OF WORLD'S BENEFACTORS.

In the Days When the Change Was Being Made From Hand to Machine Labor the Discoverers of New Devices Had the Workers Against Them—Neglect of Genius Marks the Entire Annals of Invention.

What the world owes to its heroic inventors can never be known. How the world has rewarded the genius and heroism of many of these same inventors is—as Rudyard Kipling would say—another story. In ancient times it was a perilous thing to be an inventor; the man who could perform a scientific or mechanical feat, which was beyond the knowledge of his neighbors, was regarded as dangerous. History is replete with the names of inventors who actually suffered martyrdom because their inventions were not understood or appreciated by their fellows.

In the textile industries, for instance, more perhaps than in anything else, where men of inventive minds were continually striving to improve the methods and machinery for the production of textile fabrics, the greatest ingratitude and the severest hardships were the only rewards which those early heroes of the factory received.

Capitalists, mark you, were, as a rule, ready enough to welcome the invention of the workers in this field of rapid progress; but in the critical days when the change was being effected from hand labor to machinery worked by steam, the inventors had all the operative classes against them, for it was imagined that the more manual labor was dispensed with, the less employment would there be for the working people.

Riot and tumult was the reply of the masses to every great mechanical improvement, until the adjusting influence of time and experience proved to the alarmists that their fears had been groundless, and that, far from having their lot made worse by the accession of new power, their individual earnings had been increased, work had become more plentiful, and the general prosperity of the country had been greatly bettered.

It will thus be seen that, quite apart from the ingenuity and perseverance essential to the successful production of any invention, an inventor, under conditions like the foregoing, must needs have been possessed of unflinching courage and iron power to triumph over the many barriers and obstacles which confronted him on almost every side.

Men like William Lee, the inventor of the stocking-loom; John Lombe, who was the first to introduce the Italian method of silk-throwing into England; John Kay, the inventor of the fly-shuttle; James Hargreaves, the introducer of the spinning-jenny; and Samuel Crompton, the originator of the mule, were the pioneer heroes in their respective crafts, fighting an upheld battle all the time against ignorance, prejudice, and ill-will, and meeting with little or no recompense for their heroic enterprise and skill. The last-named three were, with Richard Arkwright, the men whose inventive genius built up the cotton industry of Lancashire.

Poor and uneducated, they triumphed over these early handicaps, and made a more enduring impression upon the world than anything that could have been done by the mere power of scholarship or wealth. Arkwright alone won riches and world distinction.

It was the same in almost every mentionable sphere of industry and enterprise—men with new ideas, and original inventive faculties, had invariably to contend against enormous obstacles before they were able to bring the results of their labor into the light of day, and even then their reward was oftener than not completely out of all proportion to the benefits which the fruits of their genius had bestowed upon mankind. Not infrequently the inventor in those days died the death of a martyr.

It was the same in France. Upon one occasion a clever Parisian obtained audience of the great Richelieu, and astonished even that unemotional statesman by the exhibition of a piece of malleable glass. This had been the quest of the trade for many years, and the inventor was proportionately elated. "It will revolutionize the glass trade of the world!" cried he, incautiously adding that he alone knew the secret of its manufacture.

"It would, indeed, were you to have free play," admitted the crafty diplomat, as he the and there committed him to imprisonment for life. The Cardinal disapproved of such revolutionary ideas. Under existing conditions France had then the bulk of the world's glass trade, and Richelieu had no desire to risk it. The secret of malleable glass is still unknown. It died with its inventor—probably in the Bastile.

To-day, happily, the condition of things has been completely altered; men of science have no longer to contend with the serious drawbacks which hampered them in the past; the interests of the mechanical genius and the worker have ceased to be antagonistic; and inventors who suffer martyrdom now will do so from very different causes from those which were in operation a century or more ago.

The inventor's life, however, is still in many ways a life of danger and difficulty, and, look where you will—earth, sea and sky—in man's perpetual striving for the conquest of these vast, illimitable dominions, he is ever at war with circumstances which demand from him a high degree of heroism and unconquerable determination.

The Game of Life.

"Do you always play fair, my little boy."

"Not always. If I can get the advantage of Jimmy I take it. But I always make Jimmy play fair with me, though."

THE HOODED COBRA.

Its Peculiar Transformation When Excited or Irritated.

The cobra, or cobra de capello, to give its full title, also known as the hooded or spectacle snake, is not only one of the most venomous of the serpent family, but one of the most numerous, and the world over has less than half a dozen rivals, the most prominent of which are the cleopatrine asp, or African cobra, the fer de lance of the Caribbean archipelago, the tic paloonga, or cobra moull of Ceylon; the West Indian trigonocephalous and the tiger snake of Australia and Tasmania.

When at rest the neck of the cobra is not of greater diameter than the head, but when confronting an enemy or excited by passion and irritation it raises the front half (or a little more) of the body vertically from the ground, drawing the posterior portion into a coil, until it forms, as it were, a sort of spiral spring. By means of this, aided by an extraordinary muscular power and the elasticity of its frame, it is enabled to launch itself forward with lightning-like rapidity and even leap, if necessary, to some distance.

While thus erect it holds itself as rigidly as an iron bar, and the neck at once begins to swell to prodigious size, forming the peculiar protuberance that is known as the "hood" and exhibiting markedly two connecting spots of white, to which it owes its title of "spectacle snake." This "hooded" appearance is due to the loose and flexible character of the first nine pairs of ribs, which, by a peculiar action of the muscles, draw forward and spread out the ribs.

LAZY MEN OF CHAMPERY.

Why the Women of That Primitive District Wear Trousers.

The women of Champery, a primitive mountain district of the Canton of Valais, in Switzerland, have worn trousers from time immemorial.

It further appears that the men of this district are noted for their indolent habits and that, beyond acting as guides to mountain climbers in the summer months, they lead practically idle lives. It follows that the women perform all the hard labor required of a mountain people. It is the women who pasture the cattle on the steep and often dangerous Alpine slopes, cut the timber and mow the grass. It is no uncommon sight to observe a Champery woman at the conclusion of her daily toil returning to the village dragging her husband on the wooden sleigh that is in common use throughout Switzerland.

In view of the above it is not surprising that the women of Champery should have adopted the masculine attire. Their dress is of the simplest kind, a jerkin of rough, dark blue material, with trousers to match, and a red handkerchief to protect the head.

Inasmuch as the wives and mothers of Champery perform the greater part of the toil usually deemed the duty of the stronger sex, it is not astonishing to learn that they affect certain masculine habits, the chief of which is the pipe. The Champery woman puffs away with considerable enjoyment at a short brier as she proceeds with her labors.—Harper's.

Whims of Ibsen.

Like many another man great in his writings, Henrik Ibsen was not without his foibles. Scorning company as he professed to do and declaring always for solitude, he nevertheless delighted to be dined, and to invite him to a banquet in his own especial honor was to give the great man unalloyed pleasure. In his latter days, too, he developed a passion for decorations, of which he received a large number from his own and foreign monarchs, and on public occasions he would wear all his insignia as probably the most decorated author in the world. It was on public occasions that Ibsen would carry a small mirror and comb in the crown of his hat, and "coram populo" would proceed to arrange his bushy hair and whiskers.

Dyeing.

The practice of dyeing is so ancient that it would be folly to attempt to say where or when it originated. The place or period of its genesis no one can tell or even guess. As far back as history or tradition can take us we find the dyeing vat. Phoenicia was famous for its rich dyes, as was Egypt also. Modern chemistry does not seem to add much to the efficacy of the art. The colors of the most ancient times of which we have any knowledge were as "fast" as any that can be made to day. In fact, it is held by some authorities that the men of four or five thousand years ago possessed secrets about dyeing that would be greatly appreciated by us if we could get hold of them.—New York American.

Ma Knew, if He Didn't.

"Are you going to marry Sister Ruth?" asked the small boy of the young man who had been invited to Sunday dinner.

"Well—er," stammered the young man in great embarrassment, "I—er—I really don't know, you know."

"That's just what I thought," said the boy. "Well, ma says you are."—Ladies' Home Journal.

Little Pitchers.

Willie—Uncle Jack, did you choke on that cake batter ma made yesterday? Rich Old Uncle—Good heavens, no, child! What put such an extraordinary idea into your head? Willie—Why, I heard pa tell ma he made you cough up the dough.—Exchange.

A little sunshine set aside for a rainy day is better than an umbrella.—Youth's Companion.

COMEDY IN COURT.

Trick by Which a French Lawyer Won a Hopeless Murder Case.

Maitre Lachaud, the famous advocate, was perhaps the greatest master of comedy in France, and not a few eminent actors envied him his marvelous powers of mimicry. He was once employed to defend a murderer, against whom the facts were hopelessly clear.

When his pathetic appeals and his tears — which were always at call when he pleaded before a country jury —failed to touch his stolid auctience, he resorted to a most impudent piece of trickery. Thrusting his moistened white handkerchief into his pocket, he demanded if the jurors were men, if they had human hearts, if they could bring themselves to condemn a fellow man like the accused, whom he had credited with all sorts of chivalrous if not saintly merits.

His eloquence was not merely fruitless, but the jury responded to it at first with uneasy shuffling, then with biting lips, and finally with loud and uncontrolled bursts of laughter. Lachaud, while flinging about his hands, had intentionally dipped his fingers into the great inkpot in front of him, and as he drew his right hand across his forehead, as if in agony of despair at the certain fate of the accused, he left upon his brow an enormous black mark like a crescent moon and drew two other black traces down his cheeks as he put his fingers to his eyes to dash away the tears.

Feigning high moral indignation at their conduct, he continued: "You are about to decide whether one of your fellow men shall be thrust by you out of the ranks of the living, and you choose such a moment for indulging in cruel and thoughtless laughter. Is this extravagant mirth a fitting mood in which to decide whether a man shall or shall not die?"

The argument actually told upon the jury. The man was acquitted.

Prince's New Honor.

The Prince of Wales has received one of the two Orders of the Golden Fleece—the Spanish one—on attaining his majority. He could never have got the other—the Austrian—because it is restricted to Roman Catholics. The Order was originally one, and was founded by Philip the Good, Duke of Burgundy, at Bruges in 1430, on the day of his marriage with Isabel of Portugal. There is quite a wide choice of explanations how the Order got its name. Some writers say it was taken from the Golden Fleece of Jason; others from the fleece of Gideon; others again suggest that woollen manufacture was then the staple industry of the Netherlands, where the Order was founded. Lastly, lovers of romance have claimed that the duke named the Order after "the fleece of golden hair" of his mistress, Marie de Rambrugge. But this would hardly have been delicate, even in the 15th century, on the day of the founder's marriage.

Auction Sales

FRIDAY, DEC. 6TH.—On lot 5, con., 7, Rawdon, the farm stock and implements belonging to Mr. Fred Broadworth. Sale at one o'clock. Wm. Rodgers, Auctioneer.

To Farmers

The undersigned has for service a thoroughbred Berkshire Boar, registered pedigree.

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Dissolution of Partnership

Notice is hereby given that the partnership existing between the undersigned as coal merchants in the village of Stirling has been dissolved by mutual consent. All accounts due the late firm must be paid to Peter V. Green on or before the 1st of January, 1913.

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Stirling, Nov. 26th, 1912. 11-5

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the matter of the Estate of Almira McKee, late of the Township of Sidney, in the County of Hastings, married woman, deceased.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Ontario Statute, one, George V, chapter 26, section 55, that all persons having claims against the Estate of the late Almira McKee, deceased, who died on or about the 24th day of June, A. D. 1910, are required to send by post prepaid and registered, or to deliver to the undersigned Solicitor for the Administrator of the said Estate, at Stirling, on or before the 14th day of December, A.D. 1912, their names and addresses, and a full statement of the particulars of their claims, and the nature of the security, if any, held by them, duly verified.

And further notice is hereby given that after the said 14th day of December, A.D. 1912, the said Administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among those entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have notice, and he will not be liable for the Assets, or any part thereof, to any person or persons of whose claims he shall not then have received notice.

G. G. THRASHER,
Solicitor for the Administrator.

Dated this 18th day of November, A.D. 1912.

Santa Claus

As a compounder seems rather out of place, but if he does not worry much about sickness and its remedies, he finds lots of other things in our store that are surely in his line. Here in the way of presents are Fragrant perfumes, sachet powders ebony brushes, mirrors, purses, hand bags, toilet and fancy articles of all kinds.

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Executor's Notice to Creditors

In the Surrogate Court of the County of Hastings, in the Estate of Albert Thompson, late of the Village of Stirling, in the County of Hastings, farmer, deceased.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Ontario Statute 1, George V, chapter 26, sec. 55, that all persons having claims against the Estate of the late Albert Thompson, deceased, who died on or about the 18th day of October, 1912, are required to send by post prepaid and registered or to deliver to the undersigned executor of the said Estate at Stirling, on or before the 14th day of December, 1912, their names and addresses and a full statement of the particulars of their claims and the nature of the security (if any) held by them, duly verified.

And further notice is hereby given that after the said 14th day of December, 1912, the said executor will proceed to distribute the Assets of the deceased amongst those entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have notice and he will not be liable for the Assets or any part thereof, to any person or persons of whose claims he shall not then have received notice.

EZRA THOMPSON,
Executor of the Estate of said deceased
by P. J. M. ANDERSON,
his solicitor.

Dated at Stirling this 5th day of November, 1912.

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PERSONALS.

Miss M. Hossie left on Monday for her home in Perth.

Miss A. A. H. Martin, of Cambbellford, was the guest of Mrs. J. W. Haight on Saturday last.

S. S. No. 3, Rawdon

Report for November. Honors 80%, pass 60%.
Sr. IV.—Esther Smith 79, Melbourne Johnson 64.
Jr. IV.—Viola Scott 71
III.—Lottie Johnson 78, Violet Hannah 68.
II.—Clayton Hannah 67.
Pt. II.—Fleeda Hubble 79, Donald Sharp 76, Roy Smith and Arthur Weaver (equal) 72, Mabel Reid 61.
Pt. I.—Gerald Sharp 81, Katie Reynolds 78.

ALICE WALDRON, teacher

Making Sheep Raising Profitable

In their report on the sheep industry the commissioners who investigated it on behalf of the Dominion Government state, among other things, that sheep in this country are, as a rule, poorly housed and poorly fed, that severe losses are sustained through lack of proper care during the winter season and that from shearing to marketing no country in the world handles its wool in a worse manner. Besides pointing out these weaknesses of many Canadian sheep raisers the commissioners report fully upon the state of the industry in Great Britain and describe how Old Country shepherds handle their flocks. "Evidences of a definite object in breeding operations," they state, "are to be found on every hand, a certain demand being kept in view and every effort made to build up a reputation, and afterwards to hold it."

A farmer there may keep sheep of the breed popular in the district and although they may not be eligible for record in an Association Flock Book they are very highly bred and young ewes are sold at at very remunerative prices to neighboring farmers for crossing purposes. For producing early lambs the ewes are bred to lamb soon after New Years. Male lambs not intended for the early trade are always wethered. Besides grass pastures such crops as kale, vetches, rape, cabbages and turnips are grown for the sheep. These are often sown in succeeding periods in season so that when one is consumed another is ready thus providing fresh feed a great part of the summer. The sheep are not allowed to forage over large areas but are often kept within portable fences which are moved periodically to take in new patches. The same thoroughness is exercised in the treatment of the flock throughout the winter with the result that sheep keeping is a highly profitable branch of English agriculture.

The report of the Sheep Commission is rich in information of the greatest value to persons interested in any branch of the sheep industry. Copies are still available for distribution to those who apply for them to the Publications Branch of the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa.

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Cleaned Currants in pkg	10c. pkg
Fresh dried Peaches, 2 lbs	25c
Mixed Peel	20c. lb
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RAILWAY TIME TABLE.

Trains call at Stirling station as follows:—

GOING WEST.	GOING EAST.
Mail & Ex...6.03 a.m.	Passenger..10.17 a.m
Passenger...6.45 p.m.	Mail & Ex. 3.31 p.m

The Stirling News-Argus.

THURSDAY, DEC. 5, 1912

LOCAL MATTERS.

Get your wedding invitations and announcements at the NEWS-ARGUS office.

Coming. A High Class Concert Jan. 18th, reserve the date.

Hear Bill Gibbs, Irish Comedian, at Fireman's concert, Monday night. His jokes will make you roar.

Mr. Sylvenus Wright has sold his house and lot on Edward street to Mr. James Hawkins, of West Huntingdon.

The merchants are preparing for the approaching holiday season. Shoppers will find it to their advantage to do their buying early, while the stocks are large, and the selection better than it will be later on.

Wellman's Epworth League intend holding their annual entertainment in the Orange Hall at Wellman's on the evening of Friday, Dec. 13th. A good program is promised, and refreshments served. Admission 25c., and 15c.

Boost the Fireman's concert by buying your tickets now. Help the boys, you may need them sometime and they never refuse a call.

The regular monthly meeting of the W. M. S., of the Methodist church, will be held Tuesday afternoon, December the 10th, at 3 o'clock p. m., in the Sunday school room, of the Methodist church. A full attendance is requested.

A Box Social and Christmas tree entertainment will be held in the Baptist church at Mount Pleasant, on the evening of Wednesday, Dec. 18th. A first-class programme has been arranged for the occasion. Keep the date in mind.

Keep in mind Firemen's Concert, Monday night, the best of the season; good as advertised. Plan at Morton's fast filling. Do not be the last.

The Winter Fair at Guelph this year promises to be bigger and better than ever. It will be held next week and round trip tickets may be purchased at single fare, good going from Dec. 9th to 12th, and good to return up to and including Dec. 14th.

A Holiness Convention will be held in the Holiness Movement Church, Stirling, on Dec. 13th, 14th, and 15th. Bishop Horner will be in charge, assisted by preachers of the Madoc district. There will be three services each day, at 10 a. m., and 2.30 and 7.30, p. m.

The Firemen intend giving their annual entertainment in the Opera House, on Monday evening next, Dec. 9th. For this they have secured the Gibbs Family and Company, of Vaudeville Artists, and a first-class programme is promised.

The annual Sunday School Entertainment of Carmel Methodist church, Town line, will be held on Friday night, Dec. 20th, 1912. An excellent programme consisting of dialogues, choruses, instrumental and vocal music, recitations, etc., will be given. Plan to be there. Admission 25 cts., children 15 cts.

Don't forget the Open Meeting of the Stirling High School Literary Society to be held in the Convocation Hall, of the school, on Wednesday evening, Dec. 11th, consisting of a debate by four students, dialogues, readings, recitations, choruses, piano solos and duets. Admission 15c. Everybody welcome.

Stirling Hockey Club

At a meeting held in the Stirling House on Thursday evening Nov. 28th, a hockey club was organized, and the following officers elected for the coming season:

Hon. Pres.—Robt Cooke, M.P.P.
Hon. Vice Pres.—R. P. Coulter.
Pres.—G. G. Thrasher.
Sec.-Treas.—E. L. Anderson.
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Captain—James Hough.
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Subscriptions received at the News-Argus Office.

Argument has been heard at Osgoode Hall in the suit of some of the members of the A.O.U.W., against Grand Lodge officers to prevent collection of the increased rates adopted by the Grand Lodge at its special session in June. The local Lodge of the Order will elect its officers for 1913 at the regular meeting on Tuesday evening next at Albert Hall.

Rev. Dr. Troy, of New York city, will speak in the lecture room of the Methodist church, Stirling, to-night and Friday night at 7.30. His subject to-night is "Happiness" and Friday night, "God's abounding provision for every human need." This is a rare opportunity for Stirling people to hear this talented and inspiring speaker. A collection will be taken on Friday night to assist in defraying expenses. Public cordially invited.

The local branch of The Women's Institute held a very successful bazaar yesterday afternoon in the rooms of the Agricultural Department. Those who attended were well received and had the pleasure of being associated with the youth and beauty and fashion of our village and vicinity. It is some time since so many well dressed ladies were seen together here. The proceeds amounted to about $24.00 and the Bean Guessing Contest is still on.

The Bible Society collectors have made their annual calls upon our citizens, and again this year a goodly sum has been collected for this worthy cause — a cause without which the Foreign Mission work of all the churches would be very greatly handicapped, if not put out of business altogether. In the western section of the village the sum is not very large being $4.25. The central section gave $29.25, and the eastern section $31.20, making a total collection of $64.70. If any one has been overlooked or wishes to add to previous amount contributed, it may be handed to Mrs. Fred Wescott, the Treasurer of the local branch of the Bible Society.

Farmers' Clubs

A Farmers' Club has been organized at the English Line in Seymour east. Mr. Duncan, District Representative of the Ontario Department of Agriculture for Northumberland and Durham was present, and addressed the meeting.

Some of the main objects as outlined by the speaker were, firstly:—the educational advantages, the opportunity afforded for farmers of a district to meet regularly and discuss subjects relative to agriculture and other topics of general and local interest; secondly:—the social spirit is hereby encouraged as it certainly should in rural districts. These Clubs also offer an opportunity to debate and become accustomed to platform speaking which should be helpful.

Such organizations should be very helpful in any community, and the farmers of this county should take this matter up and form Farmers' Clubs.

Wedding Bells

A very pretty wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mason Thorpe, of Brinston, when their only daughter, Lottie Pearl, was united in marriage to Mr. Howard Vandervoort, of Trenton.

The ceremony was conducted under an arch of evergreens and carnations by Rev. D. Mick, Methodist minister, of Brinston.

The bride was given away by her father and entered the drawing-room to the strains of Lohengrin's Wedding March which was played by Miss Gladys Tucker, of Stirling, cousin of the bride. The bride looked charming in a gown of Apricot Duchess satin, with pearl trimmings and carried a boquet of roses. The bride was attended by Miss Mabel Vandervoort, sister of the groom, who was gowned in buttercup duchess satin with beaded trimmings and carried a boquet of chrysanthemums.

The groom was attended by Mr. Ernest Scott, of Heckston, cousin of the bride. The groom's present to the bride was a necklace of pearls, to the bridesmaid a necklace of pearls also, to the groom a pearl tie pin and to the pianist a gold bracelet.

The bride's travelling suit was of Cadet blue with hat to match.

The bridal couple left for Montreal, New York and other eastern points. On their return they will reside in Trenton.

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NOTICE

The annual meeting of the Plum Grove Cheese Manufacturing Company will be held in the factory on Saturday, Dec. 14th, 1912, at one o'clock, p. m., for the election of officers and transaction of general business.

FRED FANNING, President.

Factory Meeting

The annual meeting of the Stockholders and Patrons of Central Cheese Company will be held at the factory on Tuesday, December 17th at one o'clock, p.m., for the purpose of paying dividends, election of officers and any other business that may come before the meeting.

WILFORD SMITH, President

Shamrock Cheese Factory

The annual meeting of the Shamrock Cheese Manufacturing Company will be held in the factory on Saturday, Dec. 14th, at one o'clock, for the election of officers for the ensuing year, the payment of dividends, hiring cheesemaker and any other general business of the company.

J. W. SAGER, President

Evergreen Cheese Factory

The annual meeting of Evergreen Cheese Manufacturing Company will at the factory on Friday, Dec. 13th, at one o'clock, for the purpose of settling up the business of 1912, election of officers, selling of milk routes, drawing of cheese and any other business in connection with the factory.

ROBT. LANIGAN, President

Hoard's Cheese M'f'g. Co.

The annual meeting of Hoard's Cheese Manufacturing Company will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 10th, at one o'clock at the factory for the purpose of settling up the year's business and electing officers for the ensuing year.

FRED JEFFS, Pres.

Stirling Cheese Factory

The annual meeting of the Stirling Cheese Manufacturing Company will be held in their factory on Friday, Dec. 6th, at 1 o'clock sharp, called for the purpose of settling up the business of 1912, election of officers, hiring of cheesemaker, selling of milk routes, and transacting any other business that may come up in connection with the business for 1913.

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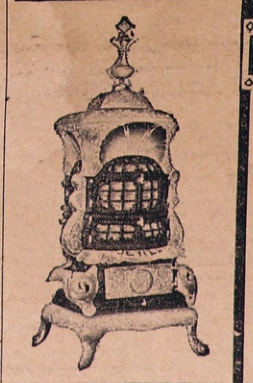

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Beef Tea.—One pound of fresh, juicy beef minced fine; remove fat and tissues. Stir it in a jar of cold water and let it stand for an hour. Heat it by putting the jar in a pot of warm water (not boiling to crack the jar), then let it simmer on the stove for an hour. Strain, season and keep on the ice; heat it as needed. Usually this is given in a wine glass, from a half to an ounce at a time. It can also be used as extra nutriment for debilitated persons and as a tonic during convalescence.

Quick Beef Tea.—One pound of lean beef; scrape into fibres; place it in an enameled or aluminum saucepan. Pour over it a half pint of boiling water. Cover and set on the back of the stove to keep it warm for ten minutes. Season and strain.

Beef or Mutton Broth.—Pound the meat and place it with the bones to simmer over a slow fire three or four hours. Season, strain and serve.

Beef Juice.—Broil a pound of beef eight or ten minutes. Cut the meat into small pieces and squeeze out the juice. This amount of meat should make about two-thirds of an ounce of juice. Season and keep on ice. To warm it, set the cup containing it in a dish of hot water to prevent coagulation.

Veal Broth.—Cut fine one-half pound of veal; cover with cold water; let it stand three or four hours, then heat slowly to boiling. Boil five minutes. Season and strain.

Chicken Broth.—This is made by taking half of a large fowl. After removing the skin and fat, break the bones and flesh into small pieces. Salt and cover with a quart of water (boiling). Simmer slowly for two hours. Strain this, cool and remove the fat; heat again to serve.

Toast Water.—Toast graham or white bread quite brown and dry. This can be nicely done in a hot oven. Pour either hot or cold water over this, let it stand an hour, and serve it either hot or cold, as a tea.

Cereal Coffee.—Brown evenly any grain in a pot, such as wheat, rice or corn. Pour boiling water over a portion and make like the usual morning beverage.

Egg Water (Albumen Water).—Beat well the white of a fresh egg. Add one pint of water (cold) that has previously been boiled. Stir well and keep cold. This is much used as a temporary food for sick infants; for older persons the yolk may be used instead.

Egg Nog.—Beat separately the white and yolk of a fresh egg until very light. Put the yolk in a glass, add two-thirds of a glass of cold, fresh milk, a pinch of salt, such flavoring as vanilla or lemon extract and sugar; stir all. Pile the white on the milk, stirring it gently in, but allow it to rise some above the edge of the glass and serve at once.

Two Dessert Dishes.

Maple Ice Cream. — One large cupful of good maple syrup, a pint of sweet cream, three eggs. Bring the syrup to a boil and pour it gradually upon the beaten yolks, stirring steadily all the time. When the mixture is perfectly cold add the whites of the eggs beaten stiff. Stir and beat for a minute and freeze. This is easily made, delicious, and not expensive.

Cream Cakes.—Break an egg into a large cup and fill the cup with sour cream. Beat light and turn into a bowl. Add a cup of sugar, a cup and a half of flour, a pinch of salt, and at the last when these ingredients are thoroughly blended an even teaspoonful of baking soda dissolved in a very little hot water. Beat for a minute and bake in pate pans well buttered. When they are turned out of the pans and cool ice all over.

Home Hints.

Carbolic solution will never burn if one part of the acid is used to 20 of water.

Don't throw away old stockings—fold them a great many times and use for holders. Or put them in a mop handle for a dry mop.

A good soft icing is made with two cups of granulated sugar and three-fourths cup sweet milk, boiled nine minutes. Cool, beat and flavor.

For light-colored stockings that show "leather stain" put two tablespoonfuls of borax in enough water to wash five pairs of hose.

With the salad serve salted wafers which have been buttered, sprinkled with paprika and Parmesan cheese and browned in the oven.

To keep some kinds of flowers from making a vase top-heavy put a quantity of clear white sand in the bottom to serve as weight.

Candles in glass candlesticks are the prettiest illumination for a dinner table, and with rose-colored shades the effect is most becoming.

To make bananas perfectly digestible bake them on a grid in a hot oven for fifteen minutes. They should be eaten fresh from the skin with a fork.

To remove scorch marks from fireproof dishes, soak them in strong borax water until the ugly brown marks upon them can be rubbed off with a cloth.

Escalloped oysters make an excellent meat substitute, especially if macaroni is used with the oysters in place of bread-crumbs or noodles. As moistening use milk in place of water.

Linings for clothes baskets insure the clothes being kept clean. These linings are of unbleached muslin, just the shape of the basket, and tied into place with tapes.

All vegetables except potatoes should be cooked in uncovered dishes. If cabbage is rather strong and loses color it is because it has been put on in cold water, or the kettle has been covered.

To remove white spots from finger nails apply equal parts of turpentine and myrrh melted and mixed together. It should be spread on the fingers at night and removed in the morning with olive oil.

To make a polish for patent leather, make a mixture of one part of linseed oil and two of cream. Mix it thoroughly and apply with a flannel, after removing every particle of dust from the shoes, and then rub the leather with a soft cloth.

To make whitewash that will not rub off dissolve glue in hot water and add in the proportion of a pint of glue water to four gallons of whitewash. Gum arabic may be substituted for glue. The walls should be scraped clean and smooth before the whitewash is applied.

Clothing and bed linen which have been used for a contagious disease can be disinfected by soaking for several hours in a 5 per cent. carbolic acid solution before being washed in the usual way.

An excellent powder for the teeth, one which keeps them white and glistening and at the same time acts as an anti-acid, is ordinary baking soda. Keep a bag of it on the wash stand and use once a day.

TORONTO CORRESPONDENCE

INTERESTING BITS OF GOSSIP FROM THE QUEEN CITY.

Principal Hagarty and the University—Attorney-General Foy—Big New Hotels—Michael Fraser Case—The New Archbishop.

Principal Hagarty's fighting Irish blood has got him into hot water with the Toronto University students. The trouble arose the other night when Harbord Collegiate Institute, of which Mr. Hagarty is head, was giving a dance. Two or three old boys came to the function without invitation, whereupon the Principal asked them to leave. In resentment, the boys got about two hundred Varsity students, who had been attending a theatre, to come up to the Collegiate, break in the doors and generally "rough house" the dance. After about ten minutes uproariousness they departed.

Principal Hagarty wrote a hot letter to the newspapers, in which he said, among other things, that the students acted as if they were drunk. Varsity, the College paper, hotly denied the Principal's allegations. The Principal retorted with a threat of a libel action. "Varsity" came back with more denials. The verbal war meanwhile was enlivened with a threat from Dr. Orr, one of the University Governors, to have Principal Hagarty disciplined, and by letters from parents and citizens telling the Principal to stand by his guns.

The drunkenness allegation is the thing the students resent most. But Mr. Hagarty replies that he didn't say they were arty, replies that he didn't say they were drunk, but merely that they acted as if they were, and that, if they weren't, their conduct was all the more reprehensible.

A Perennial Controversy.

The incident has served to bring to notice the perennial outbreaks of the students and the controversy they always arouse. It may be said that ninety per cent. of public opinion is solidly against the boys and their pranks. Nobody objects much to a parade occasionally and a little noise or singing, but the worthy citizens will not stand jostling on the sidewalks or pulling trolley poles off, or the destruction or invasion of private property. City nerves have their limitations. And so the police are urged more and more strongly "to do their duty," and year by year the student outbreaks are getting less and less objectionable.

Principal Hagarty is impulsive and did not handle his case against the boys as a more moderate man might have done, but he is not in much danger of losing his job, nor are the boys in much danger of going to jail for libel. Mr. Hagarty is one of the prominent educationists of Ontario. In his younger days he was in the staff as classical master of Aylmer and of Seaforth High Schools, and later was headmaster of Mount Forest High School. He has been at Harbord Street Collegiate for twenty-one years, during which period the institution has taken a place in the front rank. Some of his books are used as Latin text books throughout the Province. Mr. Hagarty is an ardent Imperialist, and is greatly interested in the cadet movement, his son being a crack shot. He is active in the propaganda for a great extension of military training throughout the country.

The Acting Premier.

There have been repeated rumors that Attorney-General Foy, who is Acting Premier in Sir James Witney's absence, was about to retire from politics, and many people wonder why he has not done so. The answer probably is because he doesn't want to, and because Sir James Whitney doesn't want him to.

Mr. Foy is not the type of man one usually thinks of as in the hurly-burly of politics. He is in manner and appearance and manner of speech much more the lawyer than he is the politician. He is also a man of considerable wealth, probably a millionaire. For many years he has had an exceedingly lucrative practice and is connected with many financial institutions. While he does not give the impression that he is very enthusiastic about politics, there is no doubt he enjoys the game and that he gives freely of his undoubted legal abilities to the administration of his department. Critics he has, who charge him with indolence, but to these he rarely pays any attention.

Mr. Foy's position as first lieutenant to Sir James dates back to the cold days of opposition. In former times Oliver Mowat had secured a pretty solid support from the Irish population of Ontario. When into this Mr. Foy began to make inroads there came one day an offer of a Judgeship, but he was loyal to his chief, and to him he has remained loyal ever since. He is by no means a bitter partisan, and has many warm friends on the opposite party, one of whom is the present Lieutenant Governor, Sir John Gibson. Should he decide to retire any day, however, the announcement would not occasion great surprise. Hon. W. J. Hanna is regarded as his logical successor, but, of course, nothing is ever certain in politics.

New Hotels Promised.

Every few days a rumor is published about a new big hotel going up in Toronto. One day it is the C. P. R. that is going to add to its chain of hotels in Quebec, Montreal, Winnipeg, Banff and elsewhere, by a fitting palace in the Queen City. Next it is the C. N. R., with occasionally the G. T. R. as a variation. Then it is the O'Neil's, proprietors of the St. Charles, a moderate sized restaurant on Yonge street, whose property has been purchased by the Dominion Bank and who will have to move somewhere to save their license, who are going to head a big hotel syndicate. And the latest announcement is to the effect that E. G. McConkey, of the King street restaurant of that name, is to put up a $3,000,000 hostelry not far from his present site. And every time any of these plans seem to be approaching fruition the King Edward comes along with a statement that it is going to double its capacity.

Meanwhile, the city is suffering from lack of accommodation. It is not likely that any of the railways will ever build a hotel in Toronto. Generally they build only where private enterprise has not provided high-class tourist traffic with high-class accommodation, as in Ottawa or the Muskoka district. None of the others can put up the cash necessary without assistance. And the financing is rendered difficult, they say, by the uncertainty as to the license situation. But it looks as though now some one was getting ready to move. The latest announcements are quite definite as to both McConkey and the King Edward, and the O'Neil's case seems to require action on their part as well.

A lot of people in Toronto would like to know whether Mr. Rowell's "Abolish the Bar" policy is making progress in the Province. But it is not merely the Provincial issue the hotel keepers are keeping their weather eye on. One of these days there will be a local option campaign in Toronto itself, and when it comes the result will be worth watching. A chapter in the Reminiscences of Sir Richard Cartwright denouncing the Scott Act and similar temperance legislation has been occasioning some comment.

The Case of Michael Fraser.

In a conversation I had the other day with a man who, in an official capacity, comes in contact with a large number of Canada's newly arrived citizens, he told me that the American settlers told him that they could not see much difference in the laws here and in the United States, but there was a mighty big difference in the way they are administered.

It is a question whether Canada's enviable reputation in this respect will stand many Michael Fraser cases. Michael Fraser was the eccentric old bachelor near Midland who when nearly eighty years old married a young woman, daughter of Rev. Mr. Robertson, of Dundas. Miss McCormick, a niece of Fraser's, brought action to annul the marriage on the ground that her uncle was of unsound mind.

An estate of $80,000 was at stake. The case in one phase or another has been dragging along for almost three years, and yet when old Michael Fraser died the other day the case was as far from settlement as ever. This is not quite true either, for, as a matter of fact, the case was $20,000 nearer ending than when it began, $20,000 being the amount estimated as the costs which have already piled up in the fight for an $80,000 estate.

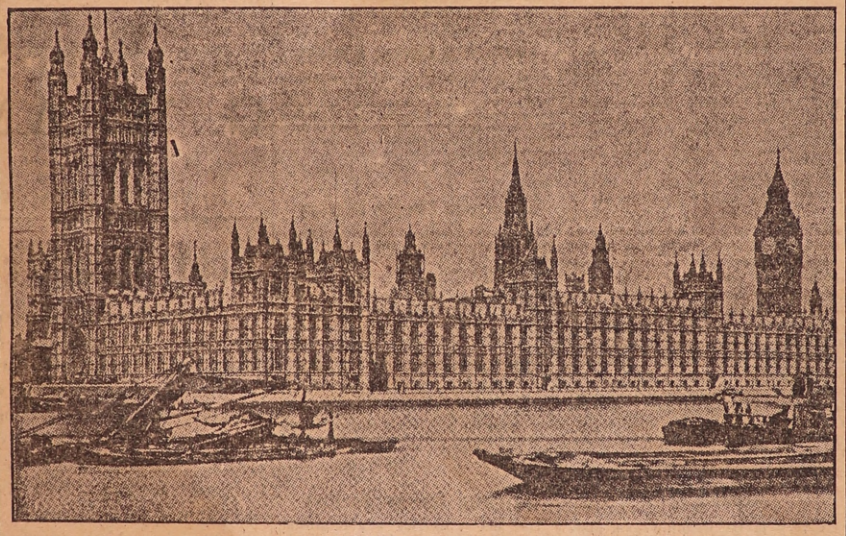
The case is, of course, one with plenty of contentious elements on both sides, but it would have added to the respect in which the administration of justice is held if some way had been found to have settled it one way or the other speedily and cheaply.

The New Archbishop.

The arrival of the new Roman Catholic Archbishop of Toronto within the next week or two is anticipated with interest. The appointment of Archbishop McNeil of Vancouver to the vacant Toronto See created some surprise, because of the fact that he has not had direct relations with the activities of the Church in this Province. But for all that he has made a name for himself as one of the stalwarts of the Church and his work in Vancouver during the past two years has brought his name prominently before the Roman Catholics and others of the entire continent. On his removal to Vancouver he was at once imbued with the tremendous possibilities for growth on the Pacific coast. Vancouver he described as the potential New York of the West. And he matured and secured the adoption of plans for the extension of the Roman Catholic Church there, which promise important developments. Among other things he advocated and has carried into effect a plan by which in many districts the Roman Catholics will be to a certain extent segregated.

Archbishop McNeil is a Nova Scotian by birth, being now 61 years old. He was educated in Rome and served as a priest and missionary in the Eastern Provinces and in Newfoundland. For some years he acted as editor of a newspaper in Nova Scotia. Curiously he combines an expert knowledge of mathematics and astronomy, of which he is extremely fond, with an unusual linguistic equipment, speaking as he does, English, French, Italian and Gaelic, which he inherits from his Orkney paternal ancestors. To these and his Irish forbears on his mother's side he owes a fine physique.

Archbishop McNeil is described as a dreamer of dreams, but also a man of action. Typically a man of the Church, he is quiet, humble and retired. The diocese of Toronto is rapidly growing in importance and influence in the affairs of the Church on this Continent and the appointment to it of a man like Archbishop McNeil is not without significance.



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The Numerous Processes Through Which Great Cannons Have To Go.

In the making of a modern gun a thousand things are requisite before the cast is made. Elaborate calculations by highly-skilled mathematicians as to size, weight, range, and penetration; followed by draughtsmen's art, who embody in finest detail its design and mechanism, the drawings being made in sections, and fianally pieced together in the head office, says London Answers.

In the carpenters' shop a pattern of wood is prepared, and deeply sunk in the casting-pit. Wet sand is carefully packed all around it; then, when the dummy has been withdrawn, and an exact impression left, preparations are made for filling the hollow with the molten metal.

From the glowing furnace, superheated by the hurricane blast of a fan engine, the metal—the raw material having previously been tested at the laboratory—comes flowing out at the bidding of an opened valve.

Manganese Bronze It Is.

Lambent, sparkling, like liquid gold, it gushes into a massive crucible. A brawny smith, bare-chested, the streaming perspiration marking white furrows down his smoke-begrimed skin, steps forward, and with an iron ladle skims off the bubbling froth, while lurid tongues of flame, in a hue of greenish gold, dart upward from the molten mass.

The scum removed, a travelling crane of many movements sidles up. Down drops the crane-hook from the jib, and, puffing and snorting, at arm's length, as it were, away it bears the seething metal to the sand-pits.

"Lower away!" Down it comes. "Steady!" Another movement of the crane. Careful now, lest any of the fearful liquid be spilt. The crucible tilts, and, hissing, gurgling, simmering, away it flows through a funnel into the moulds.

Before it sets all dross and bubbles must be eliminated, and with an iron bar a helper at each mould stirs and stirs, till naught but pure metal remains, and the cast takes form. When at length the cooling process is complete, the solid ingot, the nucleus of a cannon, is hoisted out of its bed and placed in a huge furnace.

When white-hot the glowing mass is transferred to a movable anvil, and, with swift, titanic strokes,

A Mighty Steam-Hammer

roughly forges it into shape. Again it is heated, and yet again, hydraulic presses each time squeezing, shaping, forging it as easily as a baker kneads dough. Then comes the first annealing process, to eliminate strains. Thence to the lathe-shop, an immense building, the roof full of shafting, pullies, and belts, some swiftly revolving, others just moving, but all conveying power from the great twenty-feet driving wheel.

An electric crane on a gantry, shop-length, slings the heavy forging horizontally on to a steel lathe. Powerful mandrils hold it fast. An attendant switches on the power, and as the mass revolves the keen steel cutters shave off bands and ribbons of steel as easily as you'd cut a slice of cheese. Here it is rough-turned, and in another lathe rough-bored.

Follows then the second and most important annealing process. Once more the fashioned gun is heated to nearly 1,000 degrees Fahrenheit, a pyrometer recording the degree of heat and expansion. Very slowly it is then allowed to cool in readiness to be "lapped."

Whilst revolving on a lathe the gun is wrapped with many layers of quarter-inch steel wire, unwinding at high tension from an immense reel, rendering it capable of resisting a bursting-force of

Several Hundred Tons

a square inch. One hundred and twenty miles of wire, varying in layers from fifteen at the muzzle to eighty at the breech, are necessary to "lap" a 12.7 gun.

It is then fixed vertically on a frame, and the outer coils, strengthening hoops, rings, etc., are expanded by heat, and shrunk into position. Finally, it is fine-bored and chambered, and finished off with lead and emery powder, leaving a surface smooth as glass.

It then passes to a marvellous machine to be rifled with spiral grooves, which give the necessary twist to the projectile when fired. Drilling machines then prepare it for the sockets, sights, mountings, etc. The breech-fittings, locks, and wonderful electric firing gear are fitted; and then at last the finished gun, perfect as human skill can make it, is ready for mounting and testing at the targets.

Women Do Hardest Work.

Quite two-thirds of the work in Portugal is done by women. In the cultivation of the vines and olives—the most important industries of the country—women do the hard labor under men overseers. Women also work in the quarries and are engaged in rowing the heavily laden barges on the rivers. Wherever the work is of the hardest women are found performing it at a very meagre wage.

A Beautiful Sight.

"There is no such thing as true friendship."

"Oh, yes, there is. Did you never remark the implicit trust and confidence existing between two girls who have known each other for about a week?"

Sweet Disposition.

Miss—"I think the violin is the sweetest instrument."

Mr.—"It must be sweet to stand for all the abuse it gets."

"When does your husband find time to do all his reading?" "Usually when I want to tell him something important!"

RECOVERING A FALCON.

How the Bird Was Found After Being Thought Lost.

A curious story about a falcon is told in "Game Birds and Wild Fowls." A colonel in the English army on a visit to Canada took with him two peregrines. During the voyage across the Atlantic one was missed, and the owner made up his mind that it was irretrievably lost.

While in Halifax some weeks later, he happened to see in a newspaper a paragraph to the effect that an American schooner, just arrived in port, had on board a fine hawk that had come on board during the passage from Liverpool. It at once occurred to the colonel that it might be his falcon, and he lost no time in visiting the schooner.

The captain of the craft was inclined to doubt his story, but the colonel suggested that his claim to the ownership of the bird be put to a stest. He was to be brought into the presence of the hawk, and if the bird was his he felt sure that it would show signs of recognition that would convince the bystanders that he was its owner. The trial was agreed upon, and the hawk was brought into the room.

The door was hardly opened before it darted for the shoulder of the colonel and evinced by every means in its power its delight and affection. It rubbed its head softly against his cheek, and taking hold of the buttons of his coat, champed them playfully between its mandibles.

The proof was sufficient, and the bird was promptly given over to the rightful owner.

Know More About Electricity.

During ten years the output of the electric generating plants has nearly trebled, but the number of accidents has remained the same. An increase would be naturally looked for, but this seems to indicate that many of the accidents of the earlier years were due to ignorance or carelessness, which is now avoided by a greater knowledge of the use of electricity and electrical machinery.

Tragedy of Childhood.

Teacher—"Bessie, your little brother hasn't been to school for two days. Is he sick?"

Bessie—"No, ma'am; it's worse than that, mamma cut his hair."

Money Talks

THE first consideration, when investing surplus funds, is the security of the money invested. Investment in First Mortgage bonds, guarantees security of principal, and at the same time yields the Investor from 5 to 6 per cent.

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ARE YOU AS WELL AS A YEAR AGO?

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills Point the Way to Health and Strength

Ask yourself the important question whether you are as strong as you were a year ago, as bodily fit as you should be. Many a reader has to confess "No." Some weakening ailment has during the past year laid hold of the system, unfitting you for the duties of life and seriously clouding the outlook of the coming days. It may be rheumatism with its sharp twinges of pain, indigestion, headache, nervous debility, depression and lack of energy, or the pains and ailments which only common folk know. It is well to know that all these weakening disorders arise from an impoverished condition of the blood. Renew and enrich your blood and all your troubles will cease. This is a strong statement, but it is made on the testimony of thousands who once suffered, but who have gained health and strength by the aid of the new, rich blood supplied by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. We can quote thousands of cases similar to the following: Mr. Jos. Grandmaison is a young man well known in the town of St. Jerome, Que. He says: "For a couple of years I began to find my strength failing, but did not dream that the trouble was serious. As I grew weaker I began to doctor, but it did not help me. The least exertion made my heart palpitate violently, my stomach seemed out of order and my whole system became so run down that I was finally forced to quit work. I had now been doctoring for almost six months and was very naturally growing discouraged. At this juncture I read of a case similar to mine, cured through the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and decided to try them. I took the Pills faithfully for about two months, gradually growing stronger and at the end of that time I was as well as any man could be. I shall always praise the medicine that raised me from dispair to the blessing of good health."

Sold by medicine dealers everywhere or sent by mail at 50 cents a box, or six boxes for $2.50, by The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

EXTINCT BIRDS.

Skeletons of the Giant Moas Uncovered in New Zealand.

Much interest was excited among students of natural history by the announcement of the discovery in New Zealand of an extensive deposit of the remains of the gigantic extinct birds called moas.

The discovery was made in plowing through a slight depression in a field, where a bog containing several springs had evidently once existed. Here, buried in a deposit of peat, at depths of three or four feet, the skeletons of 800 or 900 moas were found packed and intertwined together in a remarkable manner.

It was evident that these great birds, which were much larger than the modern ostrich, varying in height from ten to fourteen feet, had perished there by wholesale. An enormous quantity of smooth quartz pebbles, which they had carried in their crops, was found with the skeletons. There were also found the remains of extinct species of other large birds.

Various explanations have been suggested to account for the destruction of such an army of powerful birds. One theory is that they were overwhelmed by a great storm and that their remains were heaped together by the combined action of wind and water.

What renders the question still more puzzling is the fact that collections of moa skeletons, mingled with those of other giant birds, have been found in similar situation in New Zealand.

Students of geology are aware that evidence is sometimes found in the rocks of the sudden destruction of great numbers of animals that formerly existed on the earth, and the resemblance of such cases to this of the New Zealand moas is interesting.

HOW MALTESE WOMEN DRESS

They Are Always in Black with Bonnet and Veil.

The dress of the Maltese is very singular, and that of the women striking in the extreme. When abroad, they are all arrayed in black. They put on over their other dress a robe or loose skirt of that color, brought high on the bosom, and in place of bonnets their heads are covered with a black silk mantle, which invests their shoulders and descends half way behind.

The part which covers the head is furnished with a piece of whalebone, inserted in the hem, which keeps it in position and prevents the silk from dropping over the eyes. One hand, placed inside, is always necessary to hold together the sides of the scarf in front, and the other only a forefinnger being allowed to appear through the opening left for the purpose. Of course, under such mufflers little can be seen of the beauties of form or feature, if a Maltese nympth happens to possess them. The eyes and a moving, pall-black figure are all that can be distinguished.

But some times the fair one deigns to exhibit her face to a curious gazer in place of engrossing herself the privilege of seeing, and features good-humored, rather pleasing than handsome, and irradiated by a pair of fine, sparkling eyes, are displayed to the beholder. The complexion is a dark olive, partaking a little of a sort of mulatto tinge.

The mantle is obviously borrowed, or rather, it has descended from a distant age and people. It answers to the veil of Eastern ladies. Such figures, thousands of whom are abroad on the Sabbath, give the streets a funereal look. It seems as if all Malta had gone into mourning.

A DOCTOR'S SLEEP

Found He Had to Leave Off Tea and Coffee.

Many persons do not realize that a bad stomach will cause insomnia.

Tea and coffee drinking being such an ancient and respectable form of habit, few realize that the drug—caffeine—contained in tea and coffee, is one of the principal causes of dyspepsia and nervous troubles.

Without their usual portion of tea or coffee, the caffeine topers are nervous, irritable and fretful. That's the way with a whiskey drinker. He has got to have his dram "to settle his nerves"—habit.

To leave off tea or coffee is an easy matter if you want to try it, because Postum gives a gentle but natural support to the nerves and does not contain any drug—nothing but food.

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"I also enjoy refreshing sleep, to which I've been an utter stranger for 20 years.

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The doctor is right and "there's a reason." Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs.

Postum now comes in concentrated, powder form called Instant Postum. It is prepared by stirring a level teaspoonful in a cup of hot water, adding sugar to taste, and enough cream to bring the color to golden brown.

Instant Postum is convenient; there's no waste; and the flavor is always uniform. Sold by grocers—50-cup tin 30 cts., 100-cup tin 50 cts.

A 5-cup trial tin mailed for grocer's name and 2-cent stamp for postage. Canadian Postum Cereal Co., Ltd., Windsor, Ont.

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

Girl Cured of Disfiguring Pimples

By Cuticura Ointment. Broke Out on Face when Twelve or Thirteen. Were Most Embarrassing. Had Tried Everything.

A Nova Scotia girl, Miss Mabel Morash, of Dover West, writes: "When I was about twelve or thirteen years of age, my face broke out with pimples, and I tried everything to get rid of them, but failed. The pimples were the worst on my forehead and chin. They came out in groups and developed later into sores. Being on my face they caused great disfigurement, and were most embarrassing.

"After trying so many remedies without success, I saw the Cuticura Ointment advertised, and I sent for a box. I then applied it to the pimples, and in a week I saw a great change in my face. I kept using it, and in a few months it rendered a complete cure. Now you cannot tell I ever had pimples, thanks to the Cuticura Ointment." (Signed) Miss Mabel Morash, Mar. 31, 1911.

Baby's Face Like Raw Beef

"My baby boy had a large pimple come on his forehead. It burst and spread all over his face which soon looked like a piece of raw beef, all smothered with bad pimples. It was awful to look at. The poor little thing used to scratch it and cry terribly. I took him to a doctor but he only get worse until I was quite frightened that he would always be disfigured. Then I got two tins of Cuticura Ointment, together with Cuticura Soap, and in two months had quite cured him. Now of course I use Cuticura Soap for all my children (Signed) Mrs. E. Perry, 99, Waterloo Rd., Aldershot, England, May 21, 1910.

Cuticura Soap and Ointment are sold throughout the world, but to those who have suffered much, lost hope and are without faith in any treatment, a liberal sample of each with a 32-p. booklet on the skin and scalp will be mailed free, on application. Address Potter Drug & Chem. Corp., 59 Columbus Ave., Boston, U. S. A.

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Here is Good Advice to All Who Feel as if Their Vigor and Life Had All Oozed Away.

This Condition Can be Quickly Cured by a Good Cleansing Medicine.

Your experience is probably somewhat similar to that described by Mr. J. T. Fleming in the following letter from his home in Lebanon: "I think I must have the most sluggish sort of a liver. In the morning my mouth was bitter, and that foul, soft feeling that tells you, 'No breakfast needed here this morning.' A cup of coffee would sort of brace me up, but in two hours I was disposed to quit work, all energy having oozed out of me. Supper was my only good meal, but I guess I didn't digest very well, for I dreamt to beat the band. A friend of mine put me wise to Dr. Hamilton's Pills. I think they must have taken hold of my liver, perhaps my stomach, too, because at the very start they made things go right. Look at me now—not sleepy in the daytime, but hustling for the mighty dollar and getting fun out of life every minute. That's what Dr. Hamilton's Pills have done for me—they have rebuilt and rejuvenated my entire system."

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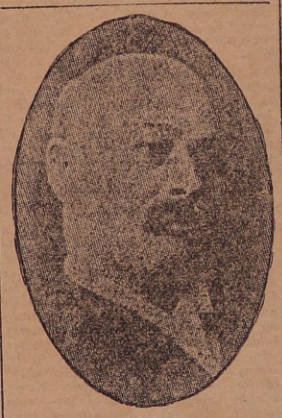
MR. KENT'S JOKE.

James Kent of Montreal is well known in all circles as the manager of the C.P.R. telegraph service. At a gathering one evening the conversation drifted to the telegraph system, and one of the party asked Mr. Kent if the small birds alighting upon the wires did not interfere with the message when sent, and if the electric current would not kill the birds. Mr. Kent,



Mr. James Kent.

with perfect gravity of look, replied:

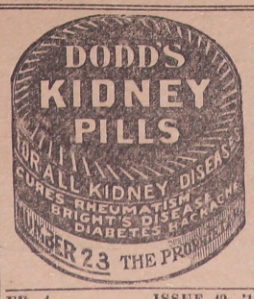
"Well, no, it doesn't hurt the birds much, but they are apt to pick out the little words in a message as it goes along, and that bothers the operators a good deal."

Fair Play.

Fair play and the square deal are modern watchwords. We all like the sound of them, and glad they have come to be common in the nation's vocabularly and the nation's thought. Now the next thing is to translate them into the little everyday acts of private individuals. They are just as good for our relations with our employees as for our relations with nations; they are no more necessary for dealings with great trusts than for dealings with little distrusts by which we fail to give our neighbor his rightful dues.

Hay, Food for Humans.

M. Effront, the distinguished Belgian chemist, who successfully manufactured a substitute for meat, composed of refuse from hotels, has now turned his attention to the utilization of the nourishing elements which form the basis of hay and forage. M. Effront's argument is that it is unnecessary that sheep and cattle should transform these into meat, which is only of nutritive use to man after it has been digested and split up into its simple constituents.



The Home Library.

Knicker—Have they a library?

Bocker—Yes; a check book, a cook book and a dictionary for the baby to sit on.

The police often get those who help themselves.

When a man tells you that his word is as good as his bond it doesn't necessarily imply that his bond is any good.

"I don't believe Solomon was as rich as people think," said a small boy to his teacher. "Why not?" "'Cause it says he slept with his fathers. If he was really awfully rich he'd have had a bed of his own."

THE MAGISTRATE'S STORY.

What He Owes to Zam-Buk.

Mr. C. E. Sanford, of Weston, Kings Co., N.S., a Justice of the Peace for the county, and a deacon of the Baptist Church in Berwick, says: "I have used Zam-Buk for piles and found it a splendid remedy. It cured me."

Mr. Thomas Pearson, of Prince Albert, Sask., writes: "I must thank you for the benefit I have received from the use of Zam-Buk. Last summer I had a fever, which left me with piles. I started to use Zam-Buk and found it gave me relief, so I continued with it. After using three or four boxes it effected a complete cure."

Zam-Buk will also be found a sure cure for cold sores, chapped hands, frost bite, ulcers, eczema, blood-poison, varicose sores, scalp sores, ringworm, inflamed patches, babies' eruptions and chapped places, cuts, burns, bruises, and skin injuries generally. All druggists and stores sell at 50c. box, or Zam-Buk Co., Toronto, for price. Refuse substitutes.

Charmed Napoleon.

In the winter of 1851 and '52, Eugenie and her mother were in Paris and it was there she caught the favor of the very man who had warned Jerome against her.

When he made himself President of France in 1852 and declared himself Emperor, he set about looking for a Royal wife, but the reigning houses of Europe would have nothing to do with him. They looked upon him as a cheap adventurer and his hopes of a Royal marriage were baffled.

Meanwhile he had fallen desperately in love with Eugenie. On January 30th, 1853, he married her and the municipality of Paris voted her a wedding gift of $120,000. She used the sum to found a woman's college, and by granting a gift of $20,000 for charity further endeared herself to the people.

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Typical Cross-Examination.

Counsel—Do you know Julius Caesar?

Witness—No sir.

Counsel—Have you ever met him?

Witness—No sir.

Counsel—You remember that you are under oath?

Witness—Yes, sir.

Counsel—Then, if you have never met Julius Caesar, how can you say on your oath that you do not know him?

Justice—I think we have had enough of this style of examination.

Counsel—Your honor will please note my exception to your coming to the assistance of the witness.

Justice—If you say that again I shall have you expelled from the court room.

Minard's Liniment Cures Distemper.

Familiar Proverbs.

"A man is known by his friends" is but a variation of the more familiar proverb, "A man is known by the company he keeps." We might just as well embalm in our proverbial philosophy the saying, "A man is known by the enemies he makes." It is as much an honor to have some men for enemies as to have other men for friends. It is as much a disgrace to have some men for friends as to have other men for enemies. The friendship of the dishonorable, the impure, the enemies of God, grafters of all kinds in society, business and politics is as disgraceful as the friendship of good men is honorable.

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Mrs. Uppish—"Just think! It's only six months ago since we moved away from next door to you. We're in a much better neighborhood now." Mrs. Sharpe—"So are we." Mrs. Uppish—"Why, where did you move?" Mrs. Sharpe—"Oh, we haven't moved at all!"

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Beauty in the Home.

Strive to make your children's surroundings as tasteful and as attractive as possible. In these days a little money combined with good taste can work wonders. Always remember that your child will carry out into the world with him the atmosphere of his home. How important, then, to have the atmosphere cater to all that is best and noblest. It need not savor of luxury, but it must taste of refinement—a flavor so pungent it will permeate the system for a lifetime and be a safeguard against evil. Let nothing be too good for use—not abuse. Do not put your books or ornaments out of reach for fear of accidents, but teach your child to observe and respect your property. He will soon learn to do both, and in his own childish way will take as much pleasure and comradeship thus placed in him—which he fails to note—will be the first great stride towards his appreciation of "The House Beautiful" he calls home.

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His Daughter—"Papa, did you know mamma long before you married her?" Her Father—"Just between you and me, my dear, I don't know her yet."

Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria.

That Was So.

She—What an atrocious necktie. I wouldn't trust you to select anything on earth. I never knew a man with so little taste.

He (chuckling)—You forget that I selected you, my dear.

She—That was something you couldn't help.

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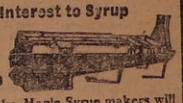

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DRUG MANIA IN PARIS.

"Absinthes of the Rich" Which Menace the Future of France.

That "cocaine and opium are rotting the heart of Paris society" is the startling assertion made in a recent newspaper article by Alfred Edwards, founder of Le Matin, whose grief over the tragic death last summer of his beautiful wife, Mme. Lantelme, the actress, aroused the sympathy of even the most frivolous Parisian.

"These drugs," he states, "are now in full vogue, especially among the gilded youth of the capital, on whom they are working frightful havoc mentally, morally and physically."

The writer adds that he was induced to sound the cry of alarm in consequence of the statements of a number of medical friends, who see day by day a procession of victims, more or less irremediably injured.

Cocaine, he points out, from being of the greatest benefit to humanity in minor surgical operations, has now become one of its most frightful scourges — in Paris at all events. The facility with which it is taken has caused it to displace morphine altogether as a means of obtaining "Asiatic dreams." Young persons of both sexes, says M. Edwards, hoping to install a minor paradise of Mahomet at home, take cocaine in larger and larger quantities without any knowledge of its effects on the system. This result in fatal accidents of daily occurrence, while if those who become its slaves, are not killed at once, they become in many cases utterly demoralized or brutalized.

"To-day in Paris the opium mania also rages among society folk of the younger set. Enthusiastic young men have turned their bachelor apartments into opium dens of the latest fashion and there is hardly a night restaurant where one does not hear the question put among the diners, 'Where shall we smoke to-night?'"

The 5 o'clock tea, it is asserted, is completely supplanted and displaced by the 10 o'clock opium.

Some of these drug fiends, M. Edwards concludes, are in the habit of taking opium and cocaine alternately.

The article has caused a strong feeling that steps must be taken immediately to prevent the sale of these "absinthes of the rich," in view of the terrible menace which they form for the future of France.

They Never Go Out.

Many remarkable examples of fires kept burning for long periods of time are recorded in histories and books relating to travel. The best known instances are those of pagan people who keep up perpetual fires as a religious custom.

The oldest known fire in the world is that in a Buddhist temple near Bangkok, Siam, which has been burning without interruption for two centuries. A priest is always on guard to watch the sacred flame. Every four years a new flame is kindled, but this is always lighted in the great brazier from a brand of the old fire.

The life of a Grand Vizier in Persia was once saved by a Parsee trader, who discovered and exposed a plot to kill the royal official. In spite of the fact that the Persians are Mohammedans and hold fire-worshipers in contempt, a single flame has been kept burning continuously for 70 years at Sarhad in honor of the humble trader.

QUEER SENSATION

How It Feels to Go Under the Influence of Chloroform.

THE DIZZY DIVE INTO SLEEP.

And After the Surgical Operation Is Over the Confused Awakening That Brings Torture to the Patient From the Terrible Thirst That Follows.

In the American Magazine a writer vividly reports the sensations he had at the time he was operated on for appendicitis. Following is his account of the sensations he experienced as he went under the anaesthetic:

"'Don't let them begin cutting too soon.' I have since learned that this injunction by the patient was not original with me. They all say it.

"My anaesthetist assures that he won't.

"This is pleasant, being chloroformed—if only the chloroform would take effect. Evidently you are a hard subject to put under. You hope that they are interpreting the difficulty. Perhaps they are, for they seem to be working more persistently, and the waffy odors are somewhat increased. But all that is accomplished is to make your ears buzz, interfering with the point of the funny story which your anaesthetist is now telling to the nurses.

"'Sheel fleepy,' you warn. 'Not chlor'form, though. Jus' tired.'

"'All right,' responds your anaesthetist. 'No hurry.'

"The little room is very quiet. Without, in the corridors, are careless laughter, patter of busy feet; but, within, a small silent circle is gravely watching that wondrous and merciful transformation of a quick and sentient being into a living corpse.

"'Shleep minute. Wait-bit. Not-ready.'

"The buzzing is annoying; it gives a dizzy sensation. Aside from that, your eyes and tongue together are deliciously heavy, and you simply have got to take a little nap.

"'G'by. Don't-start. Canfeelyet.'

"You will have to depend upon the other persons in the room to keep the surgeons away while you are helplessly dozing. They will, won't they? Meanwhile the blackness behind your closed eyes is curiously scintillant with flat sparks. The buzzing of swarming bees in your ears is terrific. And as you gaze and listen, with sudden sickening swoop, you have slipped from the pallet and headlong plunge down, down, down through midnight space. Struggling, pawing, fighting for a way, you rise out of the depths of the Icarian dive and break the surface. Like butterflies the white caps and sweet faces of nurses flutter above you. Your eyes refuse to focus, and wearily you must close them. What's the matter, what has happened, where are you, and why? Why is a mouse? You stammer with thick utterance, appealing generally.

"'Where'm I?'

"'In your room.'

"This is to be digested a moment. Then abruptly a poignant alarm assails. The question quavers weakly, fearfully.

"'But they haven't done it yet?'

"'Oh, yes.' The nurse's voice tinkles seraphic. 'It's all over with.'

"Thank God! And you're alive. The lady who married you must be so informed at once.

"'What time is it?'

"'Eleven o'clock.'

"Jerusalem! Four hours obliterated—wiped off the mental map, leaving trace of not even a dream! Impossible! Or is this itself but a dream? You would like to explore that spot to see if the news is really true, but you dare not lest you wake yourself up in the midst of the operation. And as you again open your mouth, in sickly, babyish fashion, the ministering angel in white cap deftly inserts an ambrosial swab—icy cold, wet and grateful as a drop of water to a Dives. When you shut down upon it as feverishly as a starving kitten she says: 'Don't do that. Don't swallow any. It will make you sick.' This diverts you.

"'Can't I have a drink?'

"'Yes, I'll give you a drink.' And so she does—a teaspoonful of hot water, which I am instructed to swallow slowly.

"It has about as much effect on that tarred and feathered tongue as a drop of dew on a hip rubber boot.

"This is a new occupation—waiting for that teaspoonful of hot water which arrives every half hour. One's thoughts dwell upon it and one listens eagerly for the nurse's step returning; one's mouth opens in advance, like a nestling birdie's. To such a plane is reduced a once strong mind.

"In the midst of this humiliating pastime the lady who married me enters timidly, half smilingly, half tearfully.

"'Dearest,' she says, 'how are you?'

"'Fine,' I say. 'Listen. Come closer. Let us sing "Little Drops of Water."'

"The nurse makes her withdrawal, and she goes blanched, because she deems me crazed by my experiences of the past ten hours.

"The dose is doubled to two teaspoonfuls at a time. Nevertheless, despite this generosity in water rights, the waking dreams of a human being dying on the Death valley desert obsess the brain."

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LADIES OF ZANZIBAR.

Cream Colored Damsels Who Wear Masks and Only Visit at Night.

The Arab ladies of Zanzibar are very light in color, many of them in fact being what might be termed cream colored. Their features are regular and good and they have very dark eyes and silky hair. They paint under their fetching orbs and stain their hands and nails a reddish color with henna. These far-away damsels live in great seclusion in large white houses, never going out in the daytime from one year's end to another. A little cooking and sweetmeat making is their only recognized employment, though some few of them can do beautiful embroidery. To lie on their beds and be fanned by their slave girls is the usual occupation of the richer women of Zanzibar. When they choose to visit or, as is more often the case, to perambulate the town, they wait until darkness has well set in and after a gun has been fired, warning all that it is the last hour of prayer, then they may go out. But they go entirely enveloped in a large mantle and their faces are completely hidden by very ugly gilt masks, with oblong slits for the eyes.

Many of them even wear these masks in the privacy of their homes. Their other garments are trousers and a tunic reaching below the knees, which is often embroidered and trimmed with gold braid. They wear numerous ornaments of gold and silver, such as ear-rings, nose rings, bracelets, anklets and necklaces. Whenever these mystic women travel any distance they ride through the narrow streets on large white asses stained a brick red, their slaves running by their sides, and at night their slaves surround them, each carrying a lantern as big as a street lamp. They all return to their homes before 4 in the morning, when another gun is fired, signalizing the Mohammedan's first hour of prayer.

He Really Needed the Money.

The envoy of the Sultan of Morocco had an unanswerable argument when the French Government objected to the income of $800,000 which he demanded for his master. The French Minister of Finance pointed out that such an allowance was impossible, seeing that the President of the republic himself drew only $300,000 a year. "Yes," replied the envoy, "but then it is to be remember that President Fallieres has only one wife, whereas my august master, the Sultan, has thirty." That envoy was evidently a man of parts. He knew exactly where the shoe pinched and how to base revenue upon expenditure. And his computations were eminently fair. A more mercenary envoy would have insisted upon a flat rate of $300,000 a year per wife which would have amounted to $9,000,000 a year for the thirty ladies. But he was willing to allow wholesale prices and the usual reductions upon a quantity. In fact, he brought the rate down to about $26,000 a year per wife, and those of us who have wives will know that the estimate was a reasonable and proper one.

Be Sunny.

Almost everybody will admit that a sense of humor and a love of fun tide their possessors over some very real sorrows. Austerity has no particular claim to be considered saintly, and folly with its cap and bells once in awhile does angelic work. Blessings on the children with their merry laughter. Blessings on the old people who have not forgotten how to be sunny. Take it all in all, this world of ours is not so bad a place. Every season brings its gifts of love from heaven, the skies are oftener blue than gray, the birds sing in the branches, fathers and mothers bend over the cradle, and the joy of life is deeper than the woe.—Christian Herald.

An Ingenious Ruse.

Herodotus tells of an ingenious ruse employed to carry an important message through the lines of the enemy. Histiaeus, being anxious to give Aristagoras orders to revolt, could think of no means to send the message to his ally, as all the roads were carefully guarded. Finally he hit upon a scheme. Calling his trustiest servant to him, he ordered that the man's hair be shaven off. He then pricked the desired message on the scalp of the slave and, waiting until his hair was grown out, dispatched him upon the errand. The messenger passed safely through the lines, and when he reached Aristagoras his head was again shaved and the message read.

The Catlike Fox.

The fox is an excellent mouser. He will lie and watch for a field mouse in the long grass like a cat, pounce upon it, kill it with a bite and lay it on one side until he has caught another and another when picking them all up, as many as he can carry in his mouth, he will canter away with them to serve them out to the cubs.

He Laid.

"Don't waste your time in clipping off the branches," said the woodman to his son, "but lay your axe at the root of the tree." And the young man went out and laid his axe at the foot of the tree, like a good and dutiful boy, and then he went fishing. Truly there is nothing so beautiful as filial obedience.—Strand Magazine.

Heartless.

"Why am I gloomy?" demanded the undesirable suitor whom she had heartlessly ignored. "Isn't it enough to make a man gloomy to be cut by the one he loves best?"

"The idea!" exclaimed the heartless girl. "I didn't even know that you shaved yourself."

Knew What Was Coming.

Mrs. Wise—If you are going to the club to-night you had better take your overcoat.

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A large number of friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Hagerman, of Rawdon, met at their home on Tuesday evening, Nov. 26th to bid them farewell ere they left for their new home in Foxboro. After all were assembled the gathering was called to order by Rev. Mr. Buckler, of Ivanhoe, and Mr. Daniel Sarles was appointed chairman for the evening, which position he filled quite acceptably throughout the proceedings. Mr. and Mrs. Hagerman were then asked to be seated and Mrs. Baldwin Reid was called upon to read the following address:

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Hagerman.

We, your friends and neighbors, among whom you have spent almost all your days, have learned with sincere regret that you are about to remove from our midst and take up your abode elsewhere, and we felt that we could not let you go without some tangible proof of our goodwill and earnest good wishes. We have therefore, met here tonight to spend one more social evening with you ere we bid you farewell.

Your home has always been a centre of hospitality and your influence has ever been on the side of right. We have always found you sympathetic and helpful in times of trouble, while your cheerfulness and buoyancy of spirit have often encouraged us in times of gloom and discouragement. You will, indeed, be sorely missed in our church and community.

We cannot wonder that the Lord has prospered you, for we have God's promise of blessing to those who do not withhold their hands in giving to Him. His Holy Word says, "Bring ye all the tithes into the store-house, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of Heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it" Mal. III, 10 and again He says "Honor the Lord with thy substance, so shall thy barns be filled with plenty" Prov. III, 9, and you certainly have not withheld your gifts from Him, but always have given with liberal hands, and all departments of our church work will feel your loss keenly, while we feel sure the church to which you transfer your membership will soon learn to appreciate your liberality, sociability and christian example. In all our social gatherings we were always sure of substantial aid from you both, and we sadly realize that your places will be hard to fill.

We are glad, however, to know that you are not going so far that we cannot expect occasionally to see your faces among us, in our homes, our churches and our social gatherings, and you may rest assured of a warm welcome at all times.

In parting we ask that you will accept these presents (a china cabinet and silver tea-set) not for their intrinsic value, but as a token of our esteem and in the hope that they will often recall to your mind pleasant memories of your many friends in Rawdon and Huntingdon.

Signed on behalf of the friends,

C. A. MITTS,
DANIEL SARLES,
JOHN WOOD,
A. C. SINE.

Mr. and Mrs. Hagerman replied very feelingly expressing their surprise and heartfelt gratitude to those who had taken so much trouble to show their frendship, and invited all present to visit them in their new home. Short addresses were then given by Messrs. John Wood, C. A. Mitts, Rev. Buckler, A. C. Sine, Walter Sine, Sam Shaw, Jas. McKee, Angus Farrell, the chairman, and a number of others, all testifying to the worth and sterling character of Mr. and Mrs. Hagerman and expressing much regret at their coming departure. Mr. Hulsie Rollins was called on for an address but responded with a promise of a song later on and we are still waiting to hear the song. The chairman then gave the proceedings into the hands of the ladies, who served a bountiful tea, after which quite a lengthy impromptu programme consisting of recitations, songs, duets and choruses, kept the large company entertained until a late hour, when all dispersed after singing "God be with you till we meet again."

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Quen's Hall Concert Organist To Play Here

Gatty Sellars the world famed Organist of the Queen's Hall, London, Eng. Concerts and the Crystal Palace Musical Festival, is to play at the Methodist church, Stirling, on Wednesday evening, Dec. 18th.

Mr. Sellars has completed the greatest Organ Recital tour on record having performed on the largest organs in Canada and tne United States to the extent of over 300 recitals in direct succession. In many of the big cities visited the recitals have attracted the largest audiences in the history of the cities. At Salt Lake City Mormon Tabernacle seating 10,000 an immense audience greeted him this being also the case at Los. Angeles Auditorium with its $30.000 organ whist at Topeka Kansas Auditorium 4,500 attended. At Seattle, Wash., he played at the largest Presbyterian Church in the world with the sister organ of the Los Angeles instrument. Brockville Presbyterian Church was crowded out at his return visit to that city this week so that a large audience is anticapted on Wednesday evening next.

Wellman's Womans' Institute

The last meeting of the W. I., was held at the home of Mrs. W. S. Dracup, Nov. 22. The president, Miss E. Rainnie, presided. Miss S. Johnston gave a reading, "Woman and Work." Mrs. Dracup gave some gramaphone selections. Mrs. E. Scarlette and Mrs. E. Todd gave a very interesting report of the annual convention held in Toronto, Nov. 15th and 16th. Their reports contained many helpful suggestions. Mrs. Scarlette also gave a short account of the fruit and flower show. There were 17 present.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Hubble, Dec. 19, each member to bring a piece of fancy work, the cost of material not to exceed 15 cts. Visitors welcome.

Spring Brook

At the December meeting of L. O. L. No. 442 the following officers were elected for 1913: W. M., B. W. Kemp, D. M., Thos. Read, R. S., A. Hazlett, F. S., W. F. Bateman, Treas., Jas. McComb, Chaplain, John Bateman, sr., D. C., John Bateman, jr., Lecturers, N. W. White, Joseph McEwan. Committee, Robt. Neal, Sam McComb, Thos. Webb, Wm. Bateman, Chris. Burkitt.

C. N. Read has removed to Belleville.

Thos. Morgan has sold his place to John Stevens.

The I. O. O. F. entertainment was voted the best of the season.

The Young people of the Spring Brook Sunday school are putting forth every effort to make their Christmas tree entertainment, which will be held on Friday evening the 20th, a big success.

Sarginson Jottings

Our nice weather seems to be over for some time.

Monarch cheese factory had their annual meeting on Monday last.

Miss Mabel Irwin has returned home after spending a few months in Belleville.

Mr. and Mark Shortt and Mr. Manley Shortt visited at Mr. John Pollick's on Monday evening.

The special meetings which were held in the Gospel Hall for a couple of weeks conducted by Mr. Pinches have come to a close.

Don't forget the concert to be held in the ninth line school on Monday evening next, Dec. 16th. The dialogue entitled "From Punkin Ridge," is to be given again this year by special request.

Wedding bells are ringing in this vicinity.

Miss Gussie Morton spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Morton.

Miss Maggie Murray entertained a number of young people from this vicinity and from Stirling on Wednesday evening of last week.

Wellman's Epworth League intend holding their annual entertainment in the Orange Hall at Wellman's on the evening of Friday, Dec. 13th. A good program is promised, and refreshments served. Admission 25c., and 15c.

When you have a bilious attack give Chamberlain's Tablets a trial. They are excellent. For sale by all dealers.

May Build Model Road

Mr. A. W. Gray, Provincial Road Engineer, was in town last week looking for a suitable site to build a permanent roadway. He was well impressed with St. Lawrence street as it has plenty of heavy traffic to make the test thorough. He informed Mr. T. H. Thompson, reeve, that he would recommend to the Ontario Government the building of a permanent road from the Grand Trunk station one mile east. These roads are for experimental purposes, and are also intended as an object lessons to demonstrate the superiority these roads have over gravel or macadamized. The permanent roads are built of about two feet of crushed granite covered with a layer of crushed limestone, all rolled hard and smooth by a steam roller. The Provincial Government bears all expenses, and makes the use of wide tires on them compulsory.—Madoc Review.

Madoc Junction Items

Considering the inclemency of the weather our anniversary services were well attended and those who faced the storm heard a sermon by the Rev. J. P. McInnes, of Foxboro, to which every Christian could say 'amen' from start to finish.

The special services which have been held here for three weeks closed on Thursday night. They were three weeks of spiritual blessing to those who attended. The services were conducted by our pastor, Rev. E. A. Tonkin.

Mrs. Bennett and Miss Mildred Clarke attended the Sunday School convention held in Belleville last week.

Our young people intend having a concert before Xmas. The program is being prepared by our school teacher, Miss Muriel Anderson.

Rev. E. A. Tonkin attended the E. L. and S. S. conventions in Belleville recently and led in a devotional service. The subject discussed by him was "What shall we teach in our schools."

Mrs. Philip Carr and two little daughters, Iola and Pearl, of Lindsay, are visiting friends here this week.

Owing to ill health Mrs. Juby is staying with her daughter, Mrs. French.

Address and Presentation

On Monday evening, Dec. 2, the young people of Sine gathered in Bethel church at the close of the service to say good-bye to Miss Norah Bailey and express their regret at her departure. The following address was read by Miss Mary Matthews, and Miss Bailey replied, expressing her gratitude to them all for their kindness and loving thoughtfulness. She left the next morning for Toronto.

SINE, 2ND DEC. 1912.

DEAR MISS BAILEY:—

Having so lately heard of your departure from our midst we feel when we think of your untiring activity among us, that we should not let you go without a formal farewell.

Your willingness to act, your kind earnest, yet jovial manner will be missed by one and all. When we think of the League, with it we will associate you as one who was always willing to lead and as one who took an earnest interest in its advancement. As organist, we realize that often have you not only sacrificed your own pleasure but also your comfort in order to help carry out your part and now we hope that our sincere thanks will help to repay you for your many discouragements which we know you must have experienced.

Again we cannot think of our Bible Study Class without remembering your ardent wish to study, to ask questions which presented you difficulty and to help others in finding answers to their questions.

These are only a few of the ways in which you will be missed and while we wish you all prosperity and enjoyment during your absence from us, we, perhaps selfishly, hope that your connection with us will not be severed for long. Should you at any time decide to come back among us you will know that there will be, "a welcome home" from all your friends in this community,

And now as the time has come to say good-bye, we ask you to accept this purse as a memento for keeping green in your memory your many friends here.

Signed on behalf of your Bethel friends.

SILAS GREEN,
HARPER ROLLINS.

A car load of potatoes were sold in Belleville last week at 91c. per bag.

Eight cars of English mail passed through Montreal on Friday for the west, each car containing 450 sacks, and each sack containing 500 packages. This is the largest load on record.

If you are troubled with chronic constipation, the mild and gentle effect of Chamberlain's Tablets makes them especially suited to your case. For sale by all dealers.

Bank of Montreal

Established - 1817

CAPITAL, (ALL PAID) $16,000,000.00
REST 16,000,000.00
UNDIVIDED PROFITS (April 30, 1912) 696,463.27

A General Banking Business transacted.

Stirling Branch
Bank Corner

T. E. BUTLER YEATS
Manager.

The Mather-Luery Co., Ltd.

CONTINUATION SALE

Another Slaughter of Values for the People--Another Tremendous Bargain Event for Everybody

The balance of our stock now to be mercilessly slaughtered during the entire month of December.

We are just finishing the greatest commercial event that has ever taken place in this County. The prices we placed on our merchandise have moved it rapidly from our building into the homes of the people; and now we inaugurate our second BIG SALE—a Holiday Carnival for all the people. We have gone through the stock re-marking and rearranging, and to move the balance of this splendid stock of High Class Merchandise will put on such a slashing and cutting sale as was never before heard of.

Below we quote a list of articles to be offered as long as they last. Come early and get the pick of these grand offerings.

Read the prices carefully, then come and see for yourselves.

The Last Lowest Prices On China and Glassware

Now is the opportunity to buy China Dinner and Tea Sets at less than import cost:

95 and 97 piece fine quality CHINA DINNER SETS, gold lined and traced, neat floral spray decoration, $15 00 value for $9.98
40 piece extra fine quality CHINA TEA SETS, values up to $6.00 for $3.48
97 piece SEMI-PORCELAIN DINNER SETS, decorated, gold lined and traced, $10.00 value for .. $6.98
10 piece TOILET SETS in finest quality, gold traced and decorated, values up to $5.00 for $3.75
10 piece white and gold TOILET SETS, $3.00 values for $2.23

Fur Prices Again Smashed

LADIES' RUSSIAN LAMB COAT—Sable trimmed, value for $50.00 ..... $25.00
LADIES' BLACK CLOTH RAT-LINED COAT—Sable Collar, $50.00 value for $35.00
SMALL FURS in Mink, Marmot, Sable, Opposum, etc., in Stoles, Throws and Caperines at ⅓ off value.

SMALL WARES

5 Skeins Peri Lustre for ..... 5c.
Silkine, spool ..... 3c.
Clapperton's Spool Cotton ..... 3c.
5c. boxes Hairpins ..... 2c.
2 packages Hairpins ..... 1c.
5c. Embroidery Silk, skein ..... 1c.
Child's 25c. Hose Supporters ..... 10c.
Colored Velvet Ribbon, 5 to 7c. values for .. 3c.

EMBROIDERIES AND LACES

5c. values on sale at ..... 2c. yd
8c. values on sale at ..... 4c. yd
10c. values on sale at ..... 5c. yd
15c. values on sale at ..... 7½c. yd
20c. values on sale at ..... 10c. yd

Children's Flannelette Nightgowns

Sizes 4 to 10, in Pink or White, 75c. values for 35c

Tremendous Bargains In Our Carpet Department

TAPESTRY SQUARES, in size 2¼ x 3 yds., $6.00 values for $3.98
TAPESTRY SQUARES—3 x 3 yds., $9.00 value for $5.98
TAPESTRY SQUARES—3 x 3½ yds., $10.00 value for $6.98
CRESSLEY VELVET SQUARES—3 x 4 yds. $25.00 values for $18.98
WOOL AND UNION SQUARES at ⅓ less than value.
60c. UNION CARPETS on sale at .... 39c.
75c. WOOL CARPETS on sale at ..... 48c.
50c. LINOLEUMS on sale at .. 39c. sq. yd.

Gift Goods for Christmas

We have many lines of goods bought for the Christmas trade now arriving. These will be marked at our cut rate prices and comprise:

Toys, Dolls, Fancy Goods, Cut Glass, China, Glassware, Lamps, Fancy and Embroidered Linens, Ladies' Fancy Collars, Cuffs and Handkerchiefs, Gents' Ties and Braces, Fancy Slippers for Men and Women.

Produce taken at full market prices. Bring yours along and get the benefit of our cut rate prices on Christmas groceries.

THE MATHER-LUERY CO., LTD.

CANADA'S GIFT TO BRITAIN

Thirty-five Million Dollars to Build the Three Strongest Battleships Afloat

A despatch from Ottawa says: The three most powerful battleships in the world is Canada's proposal for supplementing the royal navy, the cost to be $35,000,000. Premier Borden so announced on Thursday afternoon, saying:

"The situation is, in my opinion, sufficiently grave to demand immediate action. We have asked his Majesty's Government in what form temporary and immediate aid can be given by Canada at this juncture. The answer has been unhesitating and unequivocal. Let me again quote it:

"'We have no hesitation in answering, after a prolonged consideration of all the circumstances, that it is desirable that such aid should include the provision of a certain number of the largest and strongest ships of war which science can build or money supply.'

"Upon enquiry as to the cost of such a battleship, we were informed by the Admiralty that it is approximately £2,350,000, including armament and first outfit of ordnance stores and ammunition. The total cost of three such battleships which, when launched, will be the most powerful in the world, would be approximately thirty-five million dollars, and we ask the people of Canada, through their Parliament, to grant that sum to his Majesty, the King of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the overseas Dominions, in order to increase the effective naval forces of the Empire to safeguard our shores and our sea-borne commerce, and to make secure the common heritage of all who owe allegiance to the King.

Control of Ships.

"The ships will be at the disposal of his Majesty the King for the common defence of the Empire. They will be maintained and controlled as part of the Royal Navy, and we have the assurance that if, at any time in the future, it should be the will of the Canadian people to establish a Canadian unit of the British navy, these vessels can be recalled by the Canadian Government to form part of that navy, in which case, of course, they would be maintained by Canada and not by Great Britain. In the meantime, I am assured that special arrangements [illegible] be made to give Canadians the [illegible]ity of serving as officers of [illegible]

[illegible]ation From Admiralty.

[illegible]ome of the information from the Admiralty was "necessarily of a very confidential character," but he submitted their memorandum, which laid especial emphasis on the naval race between Britain and Germany. But while the Admiralty "set the greatest store on the important material, and still more important moral assistance it is within the power of Canada to give," it was made plain that no pressure was being exerted on Canada to give a decision "which clearly belongs solely to Canada." And whatever might be done, the assurance was given that Britain "has not lost her capacity, by a wise policy and strenuous exertions, to watch over and preserve the vital interests of the Empire."

"The Empire," said the Premier, "was peculiarly dependent on the supremacy of the navy, for not being a military power, a decisive defeat at sea would shatter the Empire.

"Twelve years ago the British navy and the British flag were predominant in every ocean in the world, and along the shores of every continent. To-day they are predominant only on the North Sea," he declared. "In 1902 there were 160 ships on foreign and colonial stations, as against 76 to-day, although naval expenditure had increased by 50 per cent.

"The real test of our action is the existence or non-existence of absolute security," he asserted. "History was full of warnings of the fate of the unprepared. The British flag was not known now on Canada's coasts.

Fleet For Canada.

"I am assured that the aid which we propose will enable such specific arrangements to be consummated, that, without courting disaster at home, an effective fleet of battleships and cruisers can be established in the Pacific, and a powerful squadron can periodically visit our Atlantic seaboard."

"We are now undertaking or beginning a system of regular and periodical contributions," said the Premier, and he proceeded to outline the Government's proposals. He was certain that it would take Canada 25 or 50 years to build a navy that would be "a poor and weak substitute" for "the splendid organization the Empire now possesses." Canada could render aid now "upon just and self-respecting terms."

Aid for Ship-Building.

The ships would be built in Britain. Canada had not the facilities to build the hulks, and to provide them would be to waste twelve million dollars additional expense. But to assist Canadian ship-building the Admiralty was prepared to give orders to Canadian yards for cruisers, oil-tank vesels, etc., and Canada would defray the extra cost. Canada's three ships would bear historic Canadian names.

Sum Not Excessive.

The amount involved was "moderate and reasonable." Argentina in four years had spent over $65,000,000 on the navy. From 1870-90 Britain had spent $125,000,000 to $150,000,000 on the North Atlantic squadrons, and from 1853-1903, over $100,000,000 on military defence in Canada.

The Premier described the work of the British committee on Imperial defence, and added:—

"I am assured by H. M. Government that pending a final solution of the question of voice and influence, they would welcome the presence in London of a Canadian Minister during the whole or portion of each year. No important step in foreign policy would be undertaken without consultation with such a representative."

And in conclusion he said: "We invite the statesmen of Great Britain to study with us the real problem of Imperial existence."

British Opinion.

A despatch from London says: The announcement of Canada's proposed purchase of three Dreadnoughts for the Imperial navy is made the leading feature of the entire press. Premier Borden's speech in introducing the bill appropriating $35,000,000 for this purpose is printed in full by all the papers, which in editorials welcome Canada's gift and eulogize the patriotism of the Dominion in unstinted and glowing terms.

Coincident with the announcement of the Canadian gift the Admiralty issued a statement prepared for the Canadian Government at its request setting forth the requirements of the Empire for naval defence.

CONSUMPTION'S RAVAGES.

The Disease is Less Difficult to Cure If Taken in Time.

Tuberculosis killed 2353 persons in Ontario last year, or one every four hours, according to a bulletin issued by the National Sanitarium Association. It causes one-seventh to one-tenth of the annual death-rate, and kills one-third of those who die between the ages of 18 and 25 years. The essentials in its cure are fresh air, light, rest, cleanliness and wholesome food, and the earlier the disease is diagnosed, the less difficult is the cure. Quack medicines should be avoided, as no specific drug has yet been discovered which will help in curing tuberculosis. It is a highly communicable disease, but there is no danger of infection to others if the sufferer can be taught to be cleanly and to destroy the sputum. Consumption is not hereditary, but the children of tuberculosis patients are liable to have weak constitutions, which render them a ready prey to the infection present in a house where one or both parents are suffering from the disease.

MONTREAL HARBOR REVENUE

Thirty Thousand Dollars Beyond Last Navigation Season.

A despatch from Montreal says: The revenue returns received at the Harbor Commissioner's office give a total revenue for the navigation season of $461,396.43 as compared with $430,623.24 for the navigation season of 1911, an increase of $30,773.19. This total has been made up of the following increases: Wharfage inwards, $6,000; wharfage outwards, $5,500, and from local traffic, $19,273.19. There has been a decrease of 26 in the number of seagoing vessels entering the port during the past season compared with the arrivals during 1911. The number for the past season was 736, as against 762 for the navigation season of 1911, but there has been an increase in tonnage, the figures being 2,403,924 tons for 1912, as compared with 2,338,252 tons for 1911, an increase of 65,672 tons.

SUFFRAGETTES ACTIVE.

Pour Paint Into Letter Boxes and Make Addresses Illegible.

A despatch from London, England, says: Fleet street letter boxes, which hitherto have been immune from the attentions of the suffragettes, received a visit on Friday from some of them, who poured a quantity of pale yellow liquid, resembling paint, into two boxes. No letters were destroyed, but the addresses of some were made illegible. Similar outrages were reported in various suburbs. At every city post-office yesterday an official was stationed to watch the public posting letters.

PRICES OF FARM PRODUCTS

REPORTS FROM THE LEADING TRADE CENTRES OF AMERICA.

Prices of Cattle, Grain, Cheese and Other Produce at Home and Abroad.

Breadstuffs.

Toronto, Dec. 10.—Flour—Ontario flour, ninety per cent. patents, $4.05 to $4.15 at mills. Manitobas are unchanged, as follows:—First patents, in jute bags, $5.30; second patents, in jute bags, $4.80; strong bakers', in jute bags, $4.60.

Manitoba Wheat—No. 1 Northern 90 1-2c, Bay ports; No. 2, 87 1-2c; and No. 3 at 85 1-2c, Bay ports. Feed wheat, 65 to 67c, Bay ports.

Ontario Wheat—No. 2 new white and red wheat, 96 to 97c, outside, and sprouted, 85 to 90c, outside.

Oats—Ontario oats, 33 to 35c, outside, and 37 to 37 1-2c, on track, Toronto. Western Canada oats, 40 1-2c for No. 2 and at 39c for No. 3, Bay ports.

Peas—No. 2 at $1.15 to $1.25, but offerings are nil.

Barley—Forty-eight-lb. barley of good quality, 65 to 70c, outside. Feed, 48 to 50c.

Corn—New No. 3 American corn, 65 1-2c, all rail, and at 55c, December delivery.

Rye—No. 2 at 83 to 84c, outside.

Buckwheat—49 to 50c, outside.

Bran—Manitoba bran, $21 to $21.50, in bags, Toronto freight. Shorts, $24.50 to $25.

Country Produce.

Butter—Rolls, choice, 26 to 27c; bakers' inferior, 22 to 24c; choice dairy, tubs, 26c; creamery, 31 to 32c for rolls, and 29c for solids.

Eggs—Case lots of fresh, 32c per dozen, and of cold storage, 27 to 28c; strictly new-laid quoted at 40 to 45c per dozen.

Cheese—14 1-4c for large, and 14 1-2c for twins.

Beans—Hand-picked, $3 per bushel; primes, $2.90, in a jobbing way.

Honey—Extracted, in tins, 12 to 12 1-2c per pound for No. 1 wholesale; combs, $2.50 to $3 per dozen for No. 1, and $2.40 for No. 2.

Poultry—Well-fatted, clean dry-picked stock was quoted as follows:—Chickens, 13 to 15c per lb.; fowl, 10 to 12c; ducks, 14 to 16c; geese, 12 to 14c; turkeys, 18 to 21c. Live poultry, about 2c lower than the above.

Potatoes—Good stock, 80 to 85c per bag, on track, and New Brunswick, 95c per bag.

Provisions.

Bacon—Long clear, 15 to 15 1-2c per lb., in case lots. Pork—Short cut, $26 to $27; do., mess, $21.50 to $22. Hams—Medium to light, 17 to 17 1-2c; heavy, 15 1-2 to 16c; rolls, 14 1-2 to 14 3-4c; breakfast bacon, 18c; backs, 21 1-2c.

Lard—Tierces, 14 1-2c; tubs, 14 3-4c; pails, 15c.

Baled Hay and Straw.

Baled Hay—No. 1 at $14 to $14.50, on track, Toronto; No. 2, $13 to $13.50. Mixed hay, $11 to $12 a ton, on track.

Baled Straw—Good straw, $10, on track, Toronto.

Montreal Markets.

Montreal, Dec. 10.—Oats—Canadian Western, No. 2, 43 to 43 1-2c; extra No. 1 feed, 42 1-2 to 43c; No. 2 local white, 41c; No. 3 local white, 40c; No. 4 local white, 39c. Barley—Manitoba feed, 61 to 62c; malting, 80 to 82c. Buckwheat—No. 2, 57 to 58c. Flour—Manitoba Spring wheat patents, firsts, $5.40; do., seconds, $4.90; strong bakers', $4.70; Winter patents, choice, $5.35; straight rollers, $4.95 to $5; do., in bags, $2.35 to $2.40. Rolled oats—Barrels, $5.05; bag of 90 lbs., $2.40. Millfeed—Bran, $21; shorts, $25 to $26; middlings, $28 to $30; mouillie, $30 to $35. Hay—No. 2, per ton, car lots, $13 to $13.50. Cheese—Finest westerns, 12 to 12 1-2c; do., easterns, 11 1-2 to 11 3-4c. Butter—Choicest creamery, 30 1-4 to 30 1-2c; seconds, 28 3-4 to 29c. Eggs—Selected, 31 to 32c; No. 2 stock, 21 to 22c. Potatoes—Per bag, car lots, 75 to 85c.

United States Markets.

Minneapolis, Dec. 10.—Wheat—December, 80 3-8c; May, 85 3-8c; July, 86 7-8c; No. 1 hard, 83 7-8c; No. 1 Northern, 82 to 83 3-8c; No. 2 do., 80 to 81 3-8c. Corn—No. 3 yellow, 44 to 44 1-2c. Oats—No. 3 white, 30 to 30 1-4c. Rye—No. 2, 51 to 56 1-2c. Bran—$18 to $18.50. Flour—First patents, $4.05 to $4.35; second patents, $3.90 to $4.15; first clears, $2.90 to $3.20; second clears, $2.10 to $2.40.

Duluth, Dec. 10.—Linseed, on track, $1.26 5-8; to arrive, $1.26 5-8; December, $1.25 5-8, nominal; January, $1.26 1-2 asked; May, $1.30 3-4. Wheat—No. 1 hard, 82 7-8c; No. 1 Northern, 81 7-8c; No. 2 do., 79 7-8c; December, 80 7-8c bid; May, 85 5-8c.

Live Stock Markets.

Montreal, Dec. 10.—Good steers sold at $6.25 to $6.50, fair at $5.50 to $6.00, and the lower grades at $4.00 to $5.25, while cows brought from $3.00 to $5.00, and bulls from $2.50 to $3.50 per cwt. Lambs sold at $6.50 to $6.75, and sheep at $4.00 to $4.50 per cwt. Sales of selected lots of hogs were made at $9.00 to $9.25 per cwt., weighed off cars. Calves ranged from $3 to $10 each, as to size and quality.

Toronto, Dec. 10.—Cattle—Choice butcher, $5.75 to $6.40; export, $6 to $6.25; good medium, $5.25 to $5.75; common, $2.75 to $3.75; cows, $3 to $5.25; bulls, $3 to $5.25; canners, $2.25 to $2.50. Calves—Good veal, $7 to $9; common, $3 to $3.25. Stockers and Feeders—Steers, 550 to 750 pounds, at $3.25 to $3.75; feeding bulls, 600 to 1,000 pounds, at $2.75 to $4.25; yearlings, $2.75 to $3.40. Milkers and springers—From $50 to $80. Sheep and lambs—Light ewes, $4 to $4.50; heavy ewes, $3 to $3.50; lambs, $6.60 to $7. Hogs—$8.35, fed and watered, and $7.90, f.o.b.

82 LOST IN A STORM.

Only 11 of 100 Fishing Vessels Returned Safe to Ports.

A despatch from Lisbon says: Eighty-two Portuguese fishermen lost their lives during a recent storm on the coast of Portugal. Four days ago a fleet of one hundred fishing vessels whose crews totaled 192 men were caught in the gale. Up to the present only eleven of them have returned, and it is almost certain the remainder went down with their craft. The survivors suffered severe privations. They were without food or water for three days, while the seas were very heavy and cold winds prevailed. Four of the fishermen became insane, jumped overboard and were drowned. Six bodies have been washed ashore on the northern coast.

NEW FIRST SEA LORD.

Prince Louis of Battenberg Promoted to the Position.

A despatch from London says: Prince Louis of Battenburg has been appointed First Sea Lord of the Admiralty to succeed Vice-Admiral Sir Francis Bridgeman-Bridgeman, who has resigned on account of ill-health. Prince Louis was formerly Second Sea Lord.

THE NEWS IN A PARAGRAPH

HAPPENINGS FROM ALL OVER THE GLOBE IN A NUTSHELL.

Canada, the Empire and the World in General Before Your Eyes.

Canada.

A rich vein of native silver was struck on the Gillies limit.

An Ottawa boy was drawn into a stone-crusher and killed.

Ex-Controller W. H. Cooper will be a candidate for Hamilton mayoralty.

Berlin will be asked to approve an expenditure of $30,000 for an abattoir.

A unique boat is being built in Toronto for missionary use in the Arctic Sea.

Hamilton will order 1,000 h.p. more from the Hydro-Electric commission.

Four lives were lost when the schooner Ethyl B. Summer went ashore in a storm near Waterside, N.B.

Secretary John H. Roberts of the Dominion Alliance, Montreal, has tendered his resignation, and may go to Australia.

Wm. Porter, instructor at the Prince Albert, Sask., Penitentiary brickyards, was shot by an unknown man in the woods.

Hon. J. D. Hazen, Minister of Marine, introduced a Government bill to compel installing of wireless equipment on vessels.

Hon. Duncan Marshall is taking to the Alberta Government farm a carload of pure-bred milking Shorthorns purchased in Ontario.

Harrison Wallace, a C.P.R. brakeman, had his feet crushed at Dockmur, near Parry Sound, and was not missed from the train.

Great Britain.

The British press generally regard the Canadian naval contribution as generous.

Crowds in London eagerly followed the news from Ottawa of Canada's naval policy.

Winston Churchill denied in the British Parliament that there had been any naval offer from India.

It is reported that Mr. Asquith will move a resolution in the Commons expressing gratification at Canada's naval proposals.

United States.

Duluth, Minn., voted for government by commission.

Mayor Fitzgerald of Boston advocated Federal ownership of coal mines in addressing the National Rivers and Harbor Congress.

The Rouse Simmons, laden with Christmas trees, has evidently foundered in Lake Michigan, fishermen having found tops of such trees in their nets.

New York plans to permanently provide for the longest ships to be built without extending the pierhead line into the "fairway of the Hudson."

AMUSING ASSORTMENT.

Sausage and Puddings Were Found in "Dead" Letters.

A despatch from Ottawa says: An interesting feature of the annual report of the Postoffice Department just issued is the fact that nearly three million letters, post cards, parcels, etc., were returned last year to the dead letter office. And no less than 37,641 of these contained articles of value. The dead letter branch returned nearly 600,000 letters to the writers, and 14,000 of these had articles of value enclosed. The list of contents of dead letters, parcels, etc., covers a wide and amusing range. There were, for instance, 129 boots, 148 cakes, 3 plum puddings, 131 watches, 15 pairs of trousers, 73 stockings, 28 marriage certificates, 6 certificates of character, 1 sausage, and no less than 5,524 cheques of face values totalling $436,442.

COATS FOR EX-CONVICTS.

Warm Ulster to be Provided Every Man Leaving Penitentiary.

A despatch from Kingston says: An order has been received at the Provincial Penitentiary from the Department of Justice at Ottawa providing for the issue of a warm overcoat to every prisoner discharged during the months of December, January, February and March. For some years discharged prisoners received no overcoat, and there has been a great deal of comment and protest as a result.

DIED IN WORKHOUSE AT 116.

Drank Heavily Or Perhaps Might Have Lived Longer.

A despatch from Dublin, Ireland, says: "Mickey" Smith, a basket maker and cattle drover, died in the workhouse at Dunshaughlin on Wednesday at the age of 116. He drank heavily and smoked constantly. He was married three times. He slept very often in the open air, and was able to work up to three years ago.

GREECE IS NOW IN LINE

Declares She Acted in Accordance With Wishes of the Other Balkan States

A despatch from Athens says: It is officially announced that Greek plenipotentiaries will participate in the peace negotiations. A semi-official statement, issued on Thursday night, protests against interpreting the fact that Greece did not sign the armistice as proof that dissensions exist among the allies, and declares that it was by agreement of the allies that Greece adopted an attitude different from that of the other States. The explanation is given that Greece's course was due to her anxiety that her naval action should not be interrupted in the Ionian Sea, in order to prevent the revictualling of the Turkish army in Epirus, and in the Aegean Sea, in order to prevent the transport of Turkish troops to Thrace, with respect to which Greece considered the interest of her allies rather than her own. The chances for the conclusion of peace would have suffered from the reinforcement of the Dardanelles and Tchatalja garrisons.

The statement refers to the Turco-Italian treaty recently signed as proof that it is not necessary that peace negotiations shall be preceded by an armistice.

Turkish Guerilla Attacked.

A despatch from Salonika, European Turkey, says: A force of Greek troops on Thursday severely defeated and punished 1,000 Turks who were pillaging the village of Boyatisco, according to a report from the headquarters of the Greek army. The Turks are said to have lost 330 men killed and wounded. Forty of them were taken prisoners. The Turks are alleged to be carrying on guerilla tactics, pillaging, burning, and committing outrages.

Austria's Demands.

A Vienna despatch to the London Daily Telegraph says: "The Austrian Government is looking forward with calm confidence to the end of the peace negotiations in the belief, which I am trustworthily informed is justified, that her demands will be satisfied. But peace must be made quickly, for the commercial losses caused by the prolonged crisis are making the whole people daily more discontented, and undue delay would cause fresh trouble.

"There is no reason, however, why the negotiations should not be brief. Bulgaria and Turkey are already as one, and when peace is concluded they will be still closer together. The treatment of Albania is the most likely to occupy time in the negotiations. Servia is sure to raise the question of Durazzo and Alessio, but Turkey knowing that whatever happens Albania will never again be a part of the Turkish Empire, will probably not raise a dispute over any claims put forward for any portions thereof. Turkey knows also that the final arrangements for Albania will not be for the Balkan allies, but for the European powers."

GABRIEL EFFENDNI NORADONNGHIAN.

One of the busiest little men of high Turkish diplomatic circles just now is the new Minister of Foreign Affairs. He has been explaining, pleading, threatening, and conceding every day of his life since the war broke out.

BOMBS FOR COMMONERS.

Suffragettes to Use Them in the Event of Not Getting Vote.

A despatch from London says: The militant Suffragettes decided at a recent meeting to resort to the use of explosives in the event of the Government refusing to incorporate women's suffrage in the forthcoming Franchise Bill, according to a statement issued by a news agency on Wednesday. Volunteers are to be called for to use bombs both inside and outside the House of Commons.

IMMIGRATION LECTURERS.

Department of Interior Will Follow Up System of Last Year.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The Immigration branch of the Department of the Interior has decided to follow up the system of sending immigration lecturers to the Old Country in view of the success which attended the work last year.

Witnesses gave evidence at the Royal George inquiry at Quebec that often the lighthouse lamp was not burning, and that the glass was often very dirty.

NAVY PAY TO BE INCREASED.

Increase of Nearly $2,000,000 Will be Required Annually.

A despatch from London says: The pay of the officers and men of the British navy, which has remained practically unchanged for half a century, is to be raised. Increases in the wages of the naval men totalling $1,932,365 annually was announced in the House of Commons on Wednesday by Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty. Of the sum named the officers will receive $176,000, while the non-commissioned officers and men will get $1,765,365. The increase affecting seamen and stokers is about 15 per cent. of the present pay rates.

GUELPH RADIAL PROFITS.

$5,691.50 Set Aside as Dividend on Stock Owned by City.

A despatch from Guelph says: The returns of the Guelph Radial Railway, one of the city's utilities, for the past year are most gratifying. The gross receipts were $38,401.95, and the expenditures were $30,562.40, leaving a profit of which $5,691.50 was set to one side as a dividend on the stock owned by the city, amounting to four per cent., the balance being applied on the purchase of a snow-sweeper for the road. The assets of the company amount to $172,478.88, and the liabilities, including the capital stock owned by the city, to $152,810.33.

STUDENTS RETALIATE.

Smash Windows of the Suffragette Offices in Glasgow.

A despatch from Glasgow says: Annoyed by suffragette verbal interruptions while Mr. Augustine Birrell, Chief Secretary for Ireland, was delivering his rectorial address at the University of Glasgow on Thursday, the students subsequently smashed the windows of the suffragette offices here. Altogether ten women were ejected during the installing ceremonies, after defending themselves with hatpins and inflicting ugly wounds on the ejectors.

A report by the Public Works Department says there is no reason why millions of bushels of Western grain should not find an outlet via the Pacific ports and the Panama Canal, without injuring Eastern Canadian business.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

Health Statistics of the Province of Ontario for the month of November

A despatch from Toronto says: Diphtheria, typhoid fever and tuberculosis show a considerable increase in the number of cases reported to the Provincial health authorities in the returns announced Wednesday for the month of November. With diphtheria the number of deaths are less, but in the latter two diseases the deaths also show an increase. At the present time only 40 per cent. of the deaths from tuberculosis are reported weekly, and when the complete returns are known it is likely that the figures will be larger than they now appear.

The details are as follows:—

Disease	1912. Cases	1912. Deaths	1911. Cases	1911. Deaths
Smallpox	33	0	28	0
Scarlet Fever	165	12	188	9
Diphtheria	287	13	244	20
Measles	91	1	169	2
Whooping Cough	44	2	28	2
Typhoid	142	27	103	13
Tuberculosis	148	80	73	49
Infantile Paralysis	3	0	3	0
Cerebro-spinal meningitis	1	1	3	2
		136	777	98

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RULE FORTY-SEVEN

Little Mr. Turton bustled to and fro in the silk department of Manley's great stores.

"Come, come, Miss Blake! Can't you find something to do? Suppose Mr. Manley himself came in and found you idling in business hours! It is not business—not business!"

He darted away across the floor, bowed obsequiously to a customer, led her to the right counter, and saw that she was properly served.

"Now, Mr. Harrop," he said to the first salesman, "we must push business to-day! It is most important that we should beat the record for this month last year!"

"It is always most important," said Harrop to his chief. "You're never content unless we beat all our past records!"

"If a business does not advance it goes back!" said Mr. Turton anxiously, "and I can't let the department go back. Mr. Manley has no patience with a department that gets behind!"

"I hope Mrs. Turton is better to-day," said the salesman kindly.

"I've every hope that the new doctor will do her good. It's a long business. But she said to me herself this morning that after eighteen months in bed, she must take a turn soon. Very kind of you to inquire, Harrop! Mrs. Turton will be so pleased when I tell her. Oh, dear me—dear me! Here are Miss Sanders's shelves undusted again! I shall have to fine her. Miss Sanders, if you please!"

A girl stepped forward.

"Do look at these shelves—neglected again! Suppose Mr. Manley came in, and saw them! What would you do?"

The girl shrugged her shoulders indifferently.

"He would probably discharge you on the spot!" said Mr. Turton, in awed tones. "And what prospect is there for any young lady who has been summarily discharged from Manley's Stores? I am very sorry, Miss Sanders, but you know Rule 18. I can do nothing else but fine you a shilling. The rules of the firm are meant to be obeyed. Please don't pain me by making me fine you again!"

"I won't forget again, Mr. Turton," said the girl smilingly to the eager little man.

"That's right! I wish I could remit the fine, but conscientiously—"

He shook his head.

"Conscientiously" was his word. His staff knew him as "conscientious" Turton, and recalled joyously the occasion when in a rush of business he had forgotten to put away goods after serving a customer, and had promptly fined himself half-a-dollar for his error.

The tide of business set in steadily. Mr. Turton pervaded the department, being, as it were, everywhere at once. Mr. Manley himself strode in, and gazed grimly at the proceedings.

Mr. Turton dashed to the rescue of all girls who semed nervous with customers under the great man's eye. A shrill-voiced elderly lady demanded something which she insisted she had been supplied with before, and denounced loudly the girl who said they had never stocked the pattern.

Mr. Turton leaped into the gulf, took over the awkward customer himself, convinced her that she had bought the old pattern somewhere else, sold her something suitable, and led her, a comparatively amiable woman, to the elevator.

Mr. Manley made a sign to him as he returned.

Mr. Turton hurried across to him, trembling.

"Don't waste too much time on these old cats!" remarked Mr. Manley.

"I prefer, if possible, to satisfy them, sir. It hurts me if the department misses sales."

Mr. Manley nodded. And as the occasions were seldom when he did not express vigorously his discontent with what an employee had done, Mr. Turton walked away with an air of pride, like some subaltern who has been commended by his general on the battlefield.

Everybody felt happier when Mr. Manley moved away to worry another department.

There was a flow of good business. The returns were undoubtedly going up. None of the staff violated any of the sixty-five business rules. Mr. Turton gaily calculated that, as things were going so well, he might take his full hour for dinner that day. Then, by eating his dinner in five minutes, he might contrive to rush home to Camden Town and spend ten minutes with his wife.

It would be a treat for the invalid, and he might venture for once to be away from the premises. Cheerful in the prospect, he bustled around the department, and then, turning round a corner suddenly, he beheld, though unseen himself, young Frank Manley kissing his daughter Mabel!

It came as a tremendous shock to the little man. He moved away to his tiny office at the end of the department, and pretended to be looking over invoices.

His own daughter—Rule 47! The terrible rule ran through his mind. It stated definitely that any employees flirting in business hours would be instantly dismissed. Poor Mabel! She would have to leave Manley's! To Mr. Turton it seemed as if she were being cast out of Paradise. And her salary would cease. And that forty pounds a year had been so helpful in paying the terrible doctors' bills. How could she—his own daughter—dare to violate such an important rule!

"I wonder," thought Mr. Turton, "whether I might caution her against any future offence."

Then there came back to him the case of Miss Webber and Mr. Andrew. He had been obliged to report them, and Mr. Manley had cast them out in summary fashion. It was true that they had married, and now had a prosperous little shop at Streatham. Still, they were outside Manley's! And though they were both quite friendly towards him, and said that he had been their best friend—still, he always felt like an assassin when he saw the young couple.

How could he overlook the violation of rules by his own daughter, when he had reported it in others? Then his wife would have to know! The news would be sure to set her back!

Poor "conscientious" Turton bent back over the pile of invoices in agony.

At last he made up his mind. He had to be fair to all. The rule must be enforced. He wondered whether Mr. Manley might be disposed to be merciful, considering that his son was mainly responsible, and then dismissed that possibility from his mind. Mr. Manley always boasted that he made no exceptions, and had no favorites.

At last he felt that he could hide himself in the office no longer. He came out, and drearily attended to his duties, though utterly lacking in the cheerful alertness he had always commended to young salesmen. His daughter noticed his sad face, and said:

"You've had no bad news of mother, have you?"

"No, dear. Please attend to your duties. Rule 11 prohibits casual conversation in business hours."

At last, when his dinner-hour came, he went slowly downstairs to Mr. Manley's office. He heard Mr. Manley's great voice thundering away at the manager of the lace department, and trembled as he heard it.

"Improve or go!" roared Mr. Manley.

The head of the laces crept ignominiously out of the private office.

Mr. Manley looked up as Mr. Turton entered.

"His returns down three months running!" grunted Mr. Manley. "Can't stand that, Turton, can I? What do you want? Morning returns down?"

"I really don't know, sir."

"Don't know!" shouted Mr. Manley. "I put you there to know. When I managed a department thirty years ago I knew my returns to a halfpenny!"

"I beg pardon, sir, but I have been much upset. I detected an employee in my department violating Rule 47."

"Flirting in business hours! This is a business house, not a marriage agency. Oh, but it takes two to flirt. Who were the people?"

"Miss Turton," stammered Mr. Turton.

"Your daughter! Well, a rule's a rule. She knew about it. You ought to have brought her up better! Tell her to leave to-day. Who was the other—a customer?"

"It was Mr. Frank, sir."

"H'm! Well, I ought to have brought him up better, I suppose. I'll attend to him. You know what to do with the girl. Anything more?"

Mr. Turton went back to his department. He never troubled about dinner. He sat in his office, and wondered whether it would be long before Mabel got another place.

He speculated whether any firm would take a girl who had been summarily dismissed from Manley's. He thought he would not tell her till she went home. Then he would break the news to her. She would do nothing all the afternoon if she knew, and, after all, she owed a duty to the firm. Then the disgrace, too! How could he face the department afterwards?

He contrived to struggle through the dreary afternoon. Mr. Manley once walked into the department, and Mr. Turton, to his horror, saw him watching Mabel. It would be the last straw if Mr. Manley roared out at her that she was to get her things and go; but, after a terrible five minutes, Mr. Manley moved on.

At six o'clock the departmental telephone rang.

"Mr. Turton, you're wanted in the private office," said a girl.

He hurried down the stairs, speculating what the new trouble would be. Perhaps Mr. Manley would propose to get rid of the whole family!

He entered the office, and saw Mr. Manley standing by the fireplace with his son.

"Sit down, Mr. Turton," said Mr. Manley.

Mr. Turton tumbled into a chair.

"There's more in this than I thought," proceeded Mr. Manley. "Frank, here, tells me that he's engaged to your daughter."

"I assure you, Mr. Manley, that I had no knowledge of it."

"Mr. Turton is quite correct, father."

"He ought to have known. Love-making in his department, indeed!"

"I assure you, sir——" began Mr. Turton.

"Well, there's no question about it—the girl will have to go!" interrupted Mr. Manley. "Can't have this sort of thing in business hours! Do you think it fitting that my son should be engaged to an employee's daughter?"

"I've done my best for you, sir, and it's been a dreadful surprise to me."

"Well, I've talked things over with Frank. He won't give way, so, you see, Mr. Turton, I don't see how I can keep you as manager of the silk department!"

Mr. Turton sat dumb. The expected blow had fallen. He was deposed from his high position!

"Quite impossible—you must see it—that the future head of the firm should be engaged to the daughter of an employee!"

Mr. Manley paused impressively.

"So I've only one alternative. I've been looking for a trustworthy man to take Harris's place as general-manager ever since he broke down? You'll take over the duties to-morrow, Mr. Turton, and at the next board meeting you will have his place on the directorate. Now, a director's daughter is a different thing!"

Mr. Turton sat speechless.

"I suppose Frank had to marry someone," continued Mr. Manley, "and I was always afraid of him getting one of those golfing, motoring, extravagant girls. One of them can spend more than any three men can make honestly. Now he'll be marrying a girl who knows the value of money, and how hard it is to make. Why, I married his mother from the hosiery department of Webb & Timmins before I was his age. Best investment I ever made. She'd a business head. Well, she's a smart little girl, Turton, and has a nice face. She managed a spiteful old lady this afternoon in a style that convinced me she could manage a husband.

"But, Turton, mind you discharge her to-night!" he added, in conclusion. "How can I go raising Cain in the department if I know that my future daughter-in-law's got her eye on me?"—London Answers.

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INTERESTING BITS OF GOSSIP FROM THE QUEEN CITY.

The C. N. R.'s New Townsite—Generals Lessard and Otter—Interesting Law Suit—Hamilton's Feat.

It has long been recognized that Toronto's great handicap as compared to Montreal lies in the fact that the Canadian Pacific Railway and the Grand Trunk Railway both have their headquarters in the seaport town. In recent years the prospect of the third transcontinental railway, the C. N. R., keeping its headquarters in Toronto has given rise to the hope that in the near future Toronto might rival Montreal even as a railway centre. But so far this has been mostly taken out in hope, because up to date having the headquarters of the C. N. R. here has not meant any great acquisition to the city in population or in industries. Now, however, all this is to be changed. The C. N. R. has purchased some 1,200 acres at Leaside Junction and has announced that it will immediately establish there its main railway shops. It has prepared a plan for the subdivision of the entire area. The subdivision is to be laid out along model lines with wide avenues, one running as wide as 110 feet, diagonal thoroughfares headed for the centre of the city and curving streets. It is estimated that in the subdivision as laid out, 30,000 people will find comfortable homes.

This area is as yet entirely outside of the city limits. It is located at the north-eastern corner, contiguous to the old limits of the city on the south side and to the municipality of North Toronto on the West side. As North Toronto is about to be annexed to the city it is natural to suppose that the C. N. R. subdivision will soon come also. An interesting feature is that it forms a connecting link with Donlands, the estate of Mr. W. F. Maclean, M.P., proprietor of the Toronto World, an estate comprising some 1,200 acres purchased in small lots some years ago at exceedingly moderate prices as farm land, but which now at a moderate valuation as suburban property will easily put the owner in the millionaire class.

A French-Canadian General.

A shift among the higher officers of the Canadian Militia, which has just gone into effect, brings to the head of the force at Toronto Brigadier-General Francois Louis Lessard. It is curious that the position in this ultra Protestant, ultra English centre should be given to a French-Canadian, for General Lessard is decidedly French in appearance, manner and speech. Though reversing the usual order of French-Scottish inter-marrying in the province of Quebec, his mother being of Scottish birth, while his father was a French-Canadian, General Lessard's native tongue is the French and he speaks English with a decided accent.

General Lessard has made a good reputation as a soldier. He entered the militia thirty-four years ago, when he was but 18 years old. He saw his first service in the North-West Rebellion of 1885 and came into prominence during the South African War, where he commanded the Royal Canadian Dragoons. He was present at the relief of Kimberley and saw much service in the field. For his conduct he received a Queen's Medal with five clasps.

While not a man of wealth, General Lessard, like many Military men, is prominent socially. Like many officers who served in South Africa, his pay was allowed to accumulate and amounted to a tidy sum at the conclusion of the war.

Other changes include the retirement of Major General W. D. Otter, C.B., Chief of Staff, who retires from the militia after over 50 years service. While his duties have taken him away from Toronto in recent years, General Otter has a host of friends in this city, where he spent practically all his life. General Otter saw service in the Fenian Raids, now 46 years gone by. As Colonel of the Queen's Own Rifles he saw much service in the North-West Rebellion in 1885, and the embers of the controversy over his tactics at the battle of Cutknife Hill have not entirely died out. He, of course, was a prominent figure in the South African war, being in command of the first Canadian contingent that went to the front in 1899. He was always a strict disciplinarian and did a great deal for the morale of the Canadian Militia. He is succeeded at Ottawa by Major General Cotton, who has been in command in Toronto for several years and who is now succeeded by Brigadier General Lessard.

A Piquant Law Suit.

The High Court is still considering the law suit of Mr. G. G. S. Lindsey against Dr. W. D. Le Sueur. The case has attracted a great deal of attention, partly on account of the Prominence of the litigant, partly on account of the interesting point of law at issue, and partly also on account of the exceedingly interesting recollections which came up in the course of the trial. Mr. G. G. S. Lindsey is a grandson of William Lyon Mackenzie. He is a son of the late Mr. Charles Lindsey, for many years a prominent journalist of Toronto, and in later years registrar, and of Janet L., one of the daughters of the rebel-patriot. The Lindsey family have had in their possession for many years practically all of the documents relating to Mackenzie, which are now extant. This collection is said to be exceedingly profuse and interesting, containing documents which are to be found nowhere else in the world.

Briefly, the story of the present law suit is that Dr. Le Sueur, who is a literary light of Ottawa, being commissioned by the publishers of the "Makers of Canada" series to write a biography of William Lyon Mackenzie, secured permission to have free access to the Lindsey library and its documents. In the course of time Dr. Le Sueur handed over his manuscript for the biography, but on the ground that it was a partisan manuscript, unfair to the memory of Mackenzie, it was rejected by the publishers and not included in the "Makers of Canada" series. Mr. Lindsey claims that Dr. Le Sueur had access to these documents for the specific purpose of writing a biography for that series and when his manuscript was rejected his rights ceased. Mr. Lindsey, therefore, sues to restrain Dr. Le Sueur from making anw use whatever of the information he secured from the Lindsey library. The fact that Dr. Le Sueur is an ardent Tory and Mr. Lindsey is the grandson of his grandfather adds piquance to the situation which is heightened by the fact that Dr. Le Sueur is represented by a Liberal counsel and Mr. Lindsey by a Conservative.

W. L. Mackenzie's Grandson.

Mr. Lindsey has one of the keenest intellects in Toronto, and may be heard from politically some day, though in recent years he has shown a disposition to retire into the background. As a young man he was prominent in political affaire in Toronto, and over 20 years ago, when only 30 years of age, was elected as alderman for two terms. He was one of the group of young men whose weekly meetings and discussions on public questions are still recalled with the keenest pleasure by everyone who participated.

Afterward, Mr. Lindsey became manager of the Crow's Nest Coal Co., of which corporation he was elected President in 1907. For the past three years, having retired from that position, he has lived in Toronto. He is still interested in mining affairs and is understood to be the possessor of a considerable fortune.

It is of passing interest that he was the founder of the "Varsity," the student publication which has recently been in the limelight in connection with the dispute with Principal Hagerty.

Hamilton to the Front.

The winning of three football championships in one day by the city of Hamilton has brought that rival of Toronto more prominence in these parts than it has had in many a day. Football publicity may not be the best kind of publicity, but the Hamilton city's feat is undoubted evidence of the existence of a more than ordinary civic spirit.

Hamilton used to be a continuous butt of all stock jokes in Toronto. On the stage this continues to some extent, but it would seem that the practice is dying out. Perhaps one reason is that Toronto is getting so big that it no longer considers Hamilton as a serious rival. Toronto now points with pride to the fact that its population is increasing every year by more than 10,000 births, apart altogether from additions to population by immigration and annexations. Some six or seven years ago Hamilton put on a considerable spurt and secured the location of a large number of important American industries, but in recent years its increase in population has not been so marked. At the same time it has nearly every natural advantage that Toronto has and with the right kind of civic spirit and enterprise there is no reason why it should not become a large city.

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Peanut as Civilizer.

The peanut seems to be playing the part of "civilizer" in some of the colonial districts of Africa. Traders give a negro a bushel of nuts for seed on condition that he returns four bushels from his crop, and since the yield in good years is twenty-fold, the black man generally has a surplus that he can sell at the rate of a shilling a bushel. From a single station in Senegambia there were shipped in one year 29,000 tons. Small boys and scientists have long been in agreement as to the value of the peanut; now statesmen also will have to do it honor, since it seems likely to lead the native African into the paths of agriculture.

It is easy to tempt those who sit around and wait.

The Stirling News-Argus

THURSDAY, DEC. 12, 1912

County Council Discussed The Children's Shelter

Conditions at the children's shelter were the subject of a prolonged discussion at the county council this morning. The question was brought up by the deputy reeve of Tyendinaga who cited a case in question. Mr. W. H. Wrightmyer, provincial agent of the Children's Aid Society was present and explained the sanitary situation.

The shelter is crowded said Mr. Wrightmyer. There is accomodation for twelve or fifteen at most, while at the present there are 25 inmates and occasionally the number runs up to 35, there never being less than twenty. The children do not enter in a sanitary condition and before they can be got into shape, new children are admitted. The difficulty is the lack of an infirmary in which new arrivals should be detained for a week or ten days until they are discharged by a physican as sufficiently clean to mingle with the others. The contention in the city is that the county children have no right in the shelter. Mr. Wrightymer said his work was three times as much in the county as in the city of Belleville.

"It is high time that the county should provide for its children. The act does not authorize me to compel you to provide a shelter. That is the very reason I have not come to you before. Is it necessary that the act must be amended?"

"The condition is regrettable. I've had six doctors on the cases."

Mr. P. P. Clarke, of St. Ola, asked if the townships did not pay $2 a week for each child cared for.

Mr. Wrightmyer said they did, but this was for food, not for maintenance of the building, clothing, hack fare, hospital bills, etc.

Mr. N. Vermilyea claimed that the act should be amended.

Mr. Wrightmyer stated that there was no limit to the order signed by the magistrate committing children as to the amount of the weekly fee.

The law should be such said Mr. Vermilyea that the cities should provide shelters and collect sufficient amounts from the surrounding municipalities for the care of their waifs. Or the government might provide the shelter. It would be impossible and unnecessary to have every municipality equipped with a shelter.

Mr. Wrightmyer said in Alberta the government furnished the shelter.

Mr. Vermilyea stated he would like to have Mr. Kelso meet two members of the council for the purpose of getting their views. Not a man in the council but feels, he said, that the children ought to be well looked after.

Mr. Kelso has written Mr. Wrightmyer this week asking for suggestions of amendments to the Act. He had thought that the words city or town over 10,000 should be changed to include counties.

Mr. Clarke asked Mr. Wrightmyer if he had not stated to the city council that the shelter could not be run as cheaply without the aid of the county children.

The agent reiterated this, stating that he said under present conditions.

This concluded the discussion.—Belleville Ontario, Dec. 6.

County Council

The County Council met a 2 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 3rd. The Warden, Mr. Denis Hanley, delivered an address in which he expressed his great pleasure at the opportunity provided at the December session of meeting with his associates. Two members, he regretted to state, were ill and consequently unable to attend, the reeve of Hungerford and reeve of Madoc township.

Touching on the state of affairs in the council, the Warden made reference to the losses to which farmers had been put by continuous rains. The crops had been of fair size. Cheese, pork and beef command good prices.

County construction work has been seriously hampered and delays have resulted from bad weather, it has been impossible to construct bridges.

The rural mail delivery is being instituted throughout the country. Many of the boxes are too far out on the road and a danger to traffic. This question should be looked into.

The renovations in the treasurer's and clerk's offices were noted.

A number of important matters will be considered at this session. The Canadian Northern Ontario Railway is anxious to acquire some more land from the House of Refuge farm. The C.P.R. may be requiring land for construction work for their new line.

A letter from Reeve Farrell conveyed regrets as to his inability to be present on account of ill health.

Messrs. N. Vermilyea and E. W. Hawkins spoke a few words. A motion passed that the clerk acknowledge the communication and express pleasure at the fact that Mr. Farrell is evidently improving.

Dr. Bruce Smith inspected the County House of Refuge on Nov. 29. The expenditure was $8,121 for the year, but the net expense was $5,778. There are 42 males and 30 females, a total of 72 inmates, 66 free and 6 paying. There have been eleven deaths during the year. The conditions are satisfactory in the dormitories, kitchen, dietary and fire escapes. Everything is in good order and it is a credit to the County of Hastings.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

When the County Council resumed Wednesday morning a communication was read from the Seymour Power Company asking amendment to the by-law governing the transmission lines throughout the townships. Mr. L. G. Ireland and ex-Warden J. S. Dench appeared at the bar of the Council and asked that the Reeves have the power to deal with cases in the townships. A line will run in at Foxboro, Corbyville and Canniffton. The heavy voltage line is straight across the country, but in providing power it is necessary to take to the roads. The principle of the company is to keep the Council strictly free from liability.

Mr. Vermilyea said Thurlow had found the Power Company anxious to do what was just to the township. He said taxes were collectable on the Seymour Company, while they would not be on the Hydro Electric. He moved that the prayer of the petition be granted.

Mr. Clark seconded the motion saying this was not giving a franchise to the company.

Mr. Coulter said the company would take no advantage. He spoke as a representative of Stirling.

The motion passed.

Mr. Cross of Madoc spoke for the Canadian Sulphur Ore Company. It is required to build a siding from the Bay of Quinte line. Permission was asked to cross a county road south of Queensboro a short distance.

Inspector Clarke's report was read for South Hastings.

A communication was read from Mr. H. J. Clarke stating that $50 had been granted by the department to the school institute for South Hastings. The municipalities are to put up a similar amount as follows—Trenton $5; Belleville 7.50; South Hastings $37.50. Referred to January session.

When Council resumed on Wednesday afternoon, the communication was taken up from A. B. Collins, solicitor for Dr. J. D. Robinson, who met with an accident to his automobile while driving between the two bridges at Stoco. The council decided to take no action.

A notice of claim for damages was read from Mr. J. W. Hayes of the McLaughlin Company, who with a party of his wife and children were put to an inconvenience by an accident to an auto on October 6th. Their clothing was damaged and the auto required $38.15 repairs. Messrs. Porter & Carnew sent the notice.

Mr. Gunter said a test case should be made to see if the county were obliged to have special roads for automobiles. No action was taken.

In October Mr. B. L. Hyman of Belleville met with an auto accident on the Eldorado road. Porter & Carnew served the council with a notice. It was claimed that the bridge and road were out of repair. The resultant damages account was put in for $105.26. No action was taken, the chairman of roads saying the accident came after the heavy rains.

CULVERT SITUATION

Two complaints regarding a new culvert in Sidney township near Stirling were read. One was from Messrs. Northrup & Ponton on behalf of Mr. John Detlor, who claimed damages for an alleged closing of a culvert across county road. The other was from Messrs. Porter & Carnew for Miss Cosbey who claimed that her land had been damaged by being drained of water, which she used for cattle.

A number took part in the discussion. It was stated that the former complaint came as a result of a dam placed by the county engineer to prevent the drainage of Miss Cosbey's land.

Mr. Ketcheson moved that the dam be removed and that if any action results, that the finance committee be authorized to defend the council's action.—Lost.

Mr. Coulter moved that no action be taken.—Carried.

THURSDAY MORNING

Mr. T. H. Thompson, chairman of the Finance Committee in his report on Thursday morning showed that the renovation of the offices had cost $501.33. It was recommended that action be taken to procure $4,500 the share of the city of Belleville towards the boundary bridge. A demand has been made upon the city for the same. It was shown that the supply of coal for the county building and House of Refuge had been arranged for with the Anderson Co. at a satisfactory figure.

The Government has sent a cheque for $20,000 towards the payment of Frankford Bridge.

Mr. Thompson moved that the report be adopted. Great credit was deserving the committee, Mr. Thompson said Mr. Vermilyea and Mr. Ketcheson. The report was adopted.

Mr. Vermilyea gave notice of a by-law to grant permission to the Seymour Power Company to erect poles and string wires thereon. Mr. Coulter gave notice of a bylaw to appoint county auditors.

Dr. Embury of Bancroft stated that the bridge in that village was in a bad condition and he requested the building of a new bridge next year.

GOOD ROADS

When a resolution from the Aymler Board of Trade was read, Mr. Tummon moved that no action be taken. The request was that the council urge upon the local representatives in the legislature to support a movement making it possible for villages, townships, and towns, to construct county roads within its boundaries under provincial superintendence. Sidney township is living up to up-to-date methods, said Mr. Chas. Ketcheson, reeve. The other townships are wasting money on the roads. Sidney is seriously considering the purchase of machinery for road making as the county. He referred to the committee of statute labor.

Mr. Gunter thought the county system had been proven backward. If the colonization plan had not been adopted by the counties it was their fault. He seconded Mr. Tummon's motion.

Mr. Vermilyea pointed out the help provided by the government by the colonization road's act, and the county roads system of the council. Thurlow is getting sick of the statute labor system. As soon as the township gets help from the cement works statute labor will be commuted. Thurlow has no gravel, getting it from Sidney, the front, and Huntingdon. The government should be approached for the aid in its county road system.

Mr. Ketcheson thought the request of Aylmer reasonable. The government expected that those who have been helped to extend the situation.

Mr. Hubbell supported Mr. Ketcheson's contention. He thought the villages most heavily burdened.

Mr. Vermilyea said the cities not only built their own roads, but were as Toronto reaching out into York and donating money to the county roads. Trenton and Deseronto are not burdened with roads. Is the council going to ask the government to take money to assist towns that are able to build their own roads.

Mr. Ketcheson commented on the bad roads in the city and in Trenton. Mr. Vermilyea thought the government should help those who help themselves. He said the Good Roads association was going to ask the Dominion Government, the Ontario Legislature, and the counties to contribute one third each to all county roads, and all county bridges, whether on county roads or not. Hastings spent $1,500,000 on its roads before the Government contributed a cent.

As for Belleville roads, he said he never got his buggy muddy when driving to church in this city on Sundays until he got within the city limits.

Mr. Naylor of Deseronto stated that he did not think Hastings backward in asking for anything.

After further discussion it was moved by Mr. Tummon seconded by Mr. Vermilyea that in the opinion of the County Council the improvement of the leading roads of the community which lead to the nearest marketing place whether railroad station or city, is more desirable at this particular time than the construction of a national highway—Carried.

Mr. Naylor asked for information as to whether an adjoining county could not be forced to to improve boundary roads.

Mr. Vermilyea said there was no machinery at present providing for such without resort to a Superior Court.

FRIDAY MORNING.

A deputation from the Belleville Poultry Association, asked aid from the Council. It was stated that it would be a county association, as the government recognized only one in each county and would make a grant. The matter was left for consideration.

Some discussion took place in reference to rural mail boxes placed upon the roadside. It was thought that they might be the cause of accidents, and that the owners of the boxes should be held responsible in case accidents occurred.

Mr. Chapman said the boxes must be erected upon the roadside and in such a place that no unnecessary delay might be caused the postman.

A lot has been purchased in Foxboro for the erection of a shed for storing the county machinery.

The county engineer reported on the estimated cost of building 25 bridges, which after examination it was found to be most necessary to construct out of some 50 bridges in poor condition. The estimated cost of these was $63,300. Twenty of thess to be reinforced concrete and five of steel.

The Secret of Old Age

Old Conaro, the Italian philosopher, lived long past the age of a hundred years, and he did it by keeping a cheerful mind, To be sure, he carefully weighed his food and regulated his habits by set rules. People though, who have followed these instructions, have failed to attain the length of years that Conaro accomplished because they overlooked the chief point in his system, and that is mental attitude. Hetty Green the celebrated female capitalist, celebrated her seventy-eighth birthday the other day, and laid down certain rules by which she says anyone can reach old age and enjoy themselves. She says, "I was born a Quaker, and a Quaker I shall remain. It is true that I have entered the Episcopalian faith, but that does not mean anything." And then she took up a boiled onion and began to eat it, saying, "It is the greatest protection in the world against germs. I have been doing this same thing for twenty years and I have never had a sore throat as a result. All women should do the same thing. They would too if it were not for vanity." And as for suffrage she declared she didn't believe in it. "A woman's place is in her home, where she should be busy baking, washing, and caring for the little ones and her husband. I took care of my husband and his stomach," said she, "and he lived to be eighty-three." And then she said she lived according to the following rules:

Don't overdress—that is, don't dress flashily—whether you have the means or not, for that will cause envy and jealousy to be aroused in others.

Don't fail to dress warmly.

In the cold weather low cut gowns and the vanity in some women cause many deaths.

Don't fail to go to church. The church needs you and you need the church.

Don't eat anything but good, wholesome food. Home cooking is the best.

Don't cheat in your business dealings, for sooner or later your conscience will begin to trouble you, and later you will worry yourself into your grave.

Don't fail to be fair in all things, business and otherwise, and never kick a man when he is down.

Don't forget that such riches gained by such acts you must leave behind some day, and that when you depart, if your riches have been gained by these means, you will find the doors of Heaven bolted against you.

Don't forget to take lots of exercise, of which walking is the best.

Don't forget to be charitable, and don't falsify.

Don't forget to obey the laws of God for they were the first laws. By so doing you will live as God wished you to live. "Give unto Caesar that which is Caesar's, and unto God that which is God's.

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PERSONALS.

Miss Winnie Hoard, Toronto, is visiting her mother.

Mrs. Thos. Emmons is visiting friends in Shannonville.

Mrs. Southard, of Picton, is the guest of Rev. L. S. and Mrs. Wight.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Fox, Madoc, were in town a few days last week.

Rev. J. D. P. Knox, Colborne, spent a couple of days this week in town.

Mrs. Day, of Hemlock, Mich., spent the week end with Rev. L. S. and Mrs. Wight.

Mrs. Janie Duxbury, Rawdon, has gone to New York to visit her daughter who is ill.

Mr. Chas. Jones, of Belleville, was the guest of Mr. H. C. Martin during the week.

Misses Nora Finnerty, West Huntingdon, and Florence, Campbellford, spent a few days with their sister, Mary E., at Mrs. James Fox's, Rawdon.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Tucker and Miss Gladys attended the reception at Mr. Herbert Vandervoort's home, Trenton, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Vandervoort, on their return from their wedding trip.

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FRED FANNING, President.

Factory Meeting

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WILFORD SMITH, President

Shamrock Cheese Factory

The annual meeting of the Shamrock Cheese Manufacturing Company will be held in the factory on Saturday, Dec. 14th, at one o'clock, for the election of officers for the ensuing year, the payment of dividends, hiring cheesemaker and any other general business of the company.

J. W. SAGER, President

Evergreen Cheese Factory

The annual meeting of Evergreen Cheese Manufacturing Company will at the factory on Friday, Dec. 13th, at one o'clock, for the purpose of settling up the business of 1912, election of officers, selling of milk routes, drawing of cheese and any other business in connection with the factory.

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And further notice is hereby given that after the said 14th day of December, 1912, the said executor will proceed to distribute the Assets of the deceased amongst those entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have notice and he will not be liable for the Assets or any part thereof, to any person or persons of whose claims he shall not then have received notice.

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RAILWAY TIME TABLE.
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GOING WEST.	GOING EAST.
Mail & Ex...6.03 a. m.	Passenger. 10.17 a. m
Passenger...6.45 p. m.	Mail & Ex. 3.31 p. m

The Stirling News-Argus.

THURSDAY, DEC. 12, 1912

LOCAL MATTERS.

Get your wedding invitations and announcements at the NEWS-ARGUS office.

We learn that Mr. Lyman Moon has accepted a situation with the T. Eaton Co., Toronto.

The Public School examinations will take place on Thursday, Dec. 19th, to which the public are cordially invited.

A Christmas Tree and Concert will be held at the Town Hall, Harold, on Wednesday evening, Dec. 18th, to be given by the pupils of S. S. No. 13.
HELENA BAILEY, Teacher.

The Firemen's concert on Monday evening last was well attended, though the house was not crowded. The entertainment given by the Gibbs' Company was well received, and gave general satisfaction.

The Gibbs' Comedy Co. will remain the rest of the week giving an entire change of program each night. The entertainment will consist of of singing, dancing, acrobatic acts, aerial acts and good clean comedy. Adults 20 cts., children 10 cts.

The entertainment given by the High School Literary Society in the Convocation Hall of the School last evening was a great success in every particular. There was a full house and an excellent programme was rendered. This is the first entertainment by the Society, and it was most creditable to all concerned.

Messrs. Thompson and Tanner will make their last regular shipment of poultry from here Tuesday. They have had a very successful season and have paid the farmers between four and five thousand dollars for turkeys, geese and chickens. They shipped to Lindsay, where the fowl are prepared for market, and, we understand, are sent to the western provinces.

The regular meeting of the Mission Study Class of the Laymen's Missionary Movement will be held in St. Andrew's church at 3.45 p.m., on Sunday next, Dec. 15. These meetings are non-denominational, are conducted by laymen, and are open to all laymen.

The play "Oh Susannah" given by the Campbellford Dramatic Co. November 29th, was thoroughly appreciated by the large audience present. The actors took their parts in a most creditable manner. We congratulate Campbellford upon possessing such excellent talent. Receipts of evening $97.50.

At the box social in the Baptist church, at Mount Pleasant on Wednesday next, the 18th, people will see a fine exhibition of comic. Mr. Taylor the leader is an ex-member of the famous Vandervoort Ministrels of England, and he has a troupe in splendid order. Come and see. Expert violinists will furnish music. Bring your boxes. Mr. Sutcliffe, of Stirling will sing. Admission free.

The Christmas entertainment to be given under the auspices of the Methodist Sunday School on Christmas night promises to be the best that has been put on here for some time. The Davies' Entertainers, of Toronto, have been secured for this occasion, and they have received great praise from the leading city dailies for the excellent programme they give. Keep the date in mind.

The farmers who are subscribers for The Weekly Sun, Toronto, have reason to congratulate themselves on the enlargement and improvements to their paper. These improvements have only been possible by the support given the paper by its readers. They are amply rewarded by the knowledge that in The Sun they have a paper that voices their opinions without fear or favor. The Sun should be in every Ontario farm home; it's a duty the farmer owes to himself and his business.

New rural delivery mail routes have been established in this section recently. One starts from Stirling, and goes east on the Ridge road, nearly or quite to West Huntingdon. Another starts from Harold and goes east and then south, taking in all that section. We learn that another route is being arranged for, to start from Stirling and take in all the west section. In consequence of these mail routes being established some of the post-offices in this section are to be closed. The postmaster at Sine received notice on Wednesday that that office would be closed on Saturday next; and we learn that Minto office will also soon be closed, possibly on the same date.

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A first class Cheese Maker for Kimberly Factory. Apply to
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Annual Meeting

A regular meeting of I. O. F. Court Graham No. 1266, will be held in their lodge room (over Anderson's store) on Dec. 20th, 1912, for the election of officers for the ensuing year and the transaction of general business. A full attendance requested.
JOHN T. SCOTT,
13-2 Rec.-Sec.

To Farmers

Highest cash prices paid for Spring Calves, Yearlings, fresh milk Cows, early Springers, Canners' fat Cows.
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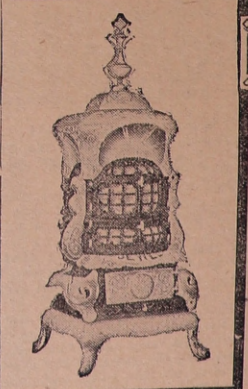

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ONLY A MONTH;

OR, A CURIOUS MYSTERY EXPLAINED.

CHAPTER XXVII.—(Cont'd).

"I should like to go," said Cecil, quickly. "But it is no use being there before seven, for Madame Lechertier has her classes so much later in this hot weather."

"Well, go up at seven, then, and have a good talk with her; make her understand that we none of us think a bit the worse of him for it and that we are vexed with Cousin James for having been so disagreeable and harsh. You might, if you like, go to meet Roy; he comes back at half-past eight, and he will bring you home again."

Cecil cheered up a good deal at this idea; she took Lance round the garden with her, that he might help her to gather flowers for Sigrid, and even smiled a little when of his own accord the little fellow brought her a beautiful passion-flower which he had gathered from the house-wall.

"This one's for my dear Herr Frithiof!" he exclaimed, panting a little with the exertions he had made to reach it. "It's all for his own self, and I picked it for him, 'cause it's his very favorite."

"You know, Cecil," said her mother, as she returned to the seat under the veranda and began to arrange the flowers in a basket, "I have another theory as to this affair. It happened exactly a week after that day at the sea-side when we all had such a terrible fright about Roy and Sigrid. Frithiof had a long run in the sun, which you remember was very hot that day; then he had all the excitement of rowing and rescuing them, and though at the time it seemed no strain on him at all, yet I think it is quite possible that the shock may have brought back a slight touch of the old trouble."

"And yet it seemed to do him good at the time," said Cecil. "He looked so bright and fresh when he came back. Besides, to a man accustomed as he once was to a very active life, the rescue was, after all, no such great exertion."

Mrs. Boniface sighed.

"It would grieve me to think that it was really caused by that, but if it is so, there is all the more reason that they should clearly understand that the affair makes no difference at all in our opinion of him. It is just possible that it may be his meeting with Lady Romiaux which is the cause. Sigrid told me they had accidentally come across her again, and that it had tried him very much."

Cecil turned away to gather some ferns from the rockery; she could not bear to discuss that last suggestion. Later on in the afternoon it was with a very heavy heart that she reached the model lodgings and knocked at the door that had now become so familiar to her.

Swanhild flew to greet her with her usual warmth. It was easy to see that the child knew nothing of the trouble hanging over the house. "What lovely flowers! How good of you!" she cried.

But Sigrid could not speak; she only kissed her, then turned to Swanhild and the flowers once more.

"They are beautiful," she said. "Don't you think we might spare some for Mrs. Hallifield? Run and take her some, dear."

When the child ran off, she drew Cecil into their bedroom. The two girls sat down together on the bed, but Sigrid, usually the one to do most of the talking, was silent and dejected. Cecil saw at once that she must take the iniative.

"I have been longing to come and see you," she said. "But yesterday was so filled up. Father and mother are so sorry for all this trouble, and are very much vexed that Mr. Horner has behaved badly about it."

"They are very kind," said Sigrid, wearily. "Of course most employers would have prosecuted Frithiof, or, at any rate, discharged him."

"But, Sigrid, what can be the explanation of it? Oh, surely we can manage to find out somehow. Who can have put the note in his pocket?"

"What!" cried Sigrid. "Do not you, too, hold Mr. Boniface's opinion, and think that he himself did it unintentionally?"

"I!" cried Cecil, passionately. "Never! never! I am quite sure he had nothing whatever to do with it."

Sigrid flung her arms round her. "Oh, how I love you for saying that!" she exclaimed.

She was recalled from her thoughts by Cecil's voice; it was sweet and gentle again now, and no longer vehement.

They went back to the sitting-room and began to prepare the evening meal; and when, presently, Frithiof returned from his work, the first thing he caught sight of on entering the room was Cecil's sweet open-looking face. She was standing by the table arranging flowers, but came forward quickly to greet him. Her color was a little deeper than usual, her hand-clasp a little closer, but otherwise she behaved exactly as if nothing unusual had happened.

"I have most unceremoniously asked myself to supper," she said, "for I have to meet Roy at half-past eight."

"It is very good of you to come," said Frithiof, gratefully.

His interview with Carlo Donati had done much for him, and had helped him through a very trying day at the shop, but though he had made a good start and had begun his new life bravely, and borne many disagreeables patiently, yet he was now miserably tired and depressed, just in the mood which craves most for human sympathy.

"Lance sent you this," she said, handing him the passion-flower and making him smile by repeating the child's words.

He seemed touched and pleased. Then, while Sigrid and Swanhild were busy in the kitchen, she told him what she knew of Donati's previous life, and how it was that he had gained this extraordinary power of sympathy and insight.

"I never met anyone like him," said Frithiof. "He is a hero and a saint, if ever there was one, yet without one touch of the asceticism which annoys one in most good people. That the idol of the operatic stage should be such a man as that seems to me wonderful.

"You mean because the life is a trying one?"

"Yes; because such very great popularity might be supposed to make a man conceited, and such an out-of-the-way voice might make him selfish and heedless of others, and to be so much run after might make him consider himself above ordinary mortals, instead of being ready, as he evidently is, to be the friend of any one who is in need."

"I am so glad you like him, and that you saw so much of him," said Cecil. "I wonder if you would just see me into a cab now, for I ought to be going."

He was pleased that she had asked him to do this; and when she had said good-bye to Sigrid and Swanhild, and was once more alone with him, walking through the big courtyard, he could not resist alluding to it.

"It is good of you," he said, 'to treat me as though I were under no cloud. You have cheered me wonderfully."

"Oh," she said, "it is not good of me—you must not think that I believe you under a cloud at all. Nothing would ever make me believe that you had anything whatever to do with that five-pound note. It is a mystery that will some day be cleared up."

"That is what Signor Donati said. He, too, believed in me in spite of appearances being against me. And Sigrid says the same. With three people on my side I can wait more patiently."

Cecil had spoken very quietly, and quite without the passionate vehemence which had betrayed her secret to Sigrid, for now she was on her guard; but her tone conveyed to Frithiof just the trust and friendliness which she wished it to convey; and he went home again with a fresh stock of hope and courage in his heart.

Meanwhile Cecil paced gravely up and down the arrival platform at Charing Cross. Perhaps the anxiety had already left its traces on her face, for Roy at once noticed a change in her.

"Why, Cecil, what has come over you? You are not looking well," he said, as they got into a hansom and set off on their long drive.

"Father has not been well," she said, in explanation. "And I think we have all been rather upset by something that happened on Monday afternoon in the shop."

Then she told him exactly what had passed, and waited hopefully for his comments on the story. He knitted his brows in perplexity.

"I wish I had been at home," he said. "If only James Horner had not gone ferreting into it all this would never have happened. Frithiof would have discovered his mistake, and all would have been well."

"But you don't imagine that Frithiof put the note in his pocket?" said Cecil.

"Why, who else could have put it there? Of course he must have done it in absence of mind. Probably the excitement and strain of that unlucky afternoon at Britling Gap affected his brain in some way."

"I can not think that," she said. "And even if it were so, that is the last sort of thing he would do."

"But that is just the way when people's brains are affected, they do the most unnatural things; it is a known fact that young innocent girls will often in delirium use the most horrible language such as in real life they can not possibly have heard. Your honest man is quite likely under the circumstances to become a thief. Is not this the view that my father takes?"

"Yes," said Cecil. "But somehow—I thought—I hoped—that you would have trusted him."

"It doesn't in the least affect my opinion of his character. He was simply not himself when he did it. But one can't doubt such evidence as that. The thing was missed from the till and found pinned into his pocket, how can any reasonable being doubt that he himself put it there?"

"It may be unreasonable to refuse to believe it—I can not help that," said Cecil.

"But how can it possibly be explained on any other supposition?" he urged.

"I don't know," said Cecil; "at present it is a mystery. But I am as sure that he did not put it there as that I did not put it there."

"Women believe what they wish to believe, and utterly disregard logic," said Roy.

"It is not only women who believe in him. Carlo Donati has gone most carefully into every detail, and he believes in him."

"Then I wish he would give me his recipe," said Roy, with a sigh. "I am but a matter-of-fact, prosaic man of business, and can not make myself believe that black is white, however much I wish it. Have you seen Miss Falck? Is she very much troubled about it?"

"Yes, she is so afraid that he will worry himself ill; but, of course, she, too, believes in him. I think she suspects the other man in the shop—Darnell; but I don't see how he can have anything to do with it, I must own."

There was a silence. Cecil looked sadly at the passers-by, lovers strolling along happily in the cool of the evening, workers just set free from the long day's toil, children reveling in the fresh sweet air. How very brief was the happiness and rest compared to the hard, wearying drudgery of most of those lives!

(To be continued).

CHRISTMAS APPEAL
TO THE
PEOPLE OF ONTARIO
FOR
The Hospital for Sick Children

Dear Mr. Editor:—

It would take more space than you can spare to tell of the good work done by the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, for the sick and deformed children of this Province. Let me, in a few words, tell you of the steady growth of this Hospital.

In the year 1875 there were only six cots and beds, one nurse, 44 in-patients and 67 out-patients. In 1912 there were 250 cots and beds, 64 nurses, 1,294 in-patients and 17,862 out-patients.

During the 37 years of the Hospital's existence, 19,370 in-patients have been admitted, and 133,724 out-patients have been treated, a total of 153,094, or an average of 4,138 per year. Of the 19,370 in-patients, 5,495 were from places outside of Toronto. 9,644 of the total in-patients were cured, and 5,711 were improved. This is a great record.

Of the 1,294 in-patients last year, 341 came from 218 places outside of Toronto, so that the Hospital is not a local, but a Provincial Institution.

In the Orthopedic Department in 37 years, nearly 700 boys and girls have been treated for clubfeet, and about 600 were corrected. Half of these came from places outside of Toronto, so surely we have a fair claim for help from the people of this Province.

The Corporation of Toronto grants $25,000, not only for the city children, but towards the maintenance of all patients in the Hospital, and the citizens of Toronto donate an average of $15,000 annually to the funds of the Hospital.

Will you, kind reader, think of what your money will do? It helps to restore health and strength, and gives sound limbs and straight feet to crippled boys and girls.

Remember that your pocket-book must be the Hospital's friend, if the Hospital is to be the children's friend.

Remember that Christmas calls you to open the purse of your kindness to the Hospital, so that the Hospital may open the heart of its help to the children.

Remember that your money can help the Hospital build a bridge over which the feet of little children may travel on the journey from sorrow to joy, from sickness to health—aye, from death to life.

Please send a dollar, or more if you can spare it, to Douglas Davidson, the Secretary-Treasurer of the Hospital, or J. Ross Robertson, Chairman of the Trustees, Toronto.

On the Farm

Raising Calves.

Several systems of raising calves are in vogue among different stockmen. The calves may be allowed to run with the cows and suck at will. They may be confined and allowed to suck two or three times per day. In this system one calf may be allowed to suck one or two cows, or two calves may be allowed to suck the same cow, according to the flow of milk and size of the calves. Calves may be confined and fed fresh whole milk from the pail. Again, they may be fed on fresh, sweet skim milk or separator milk or on sour skim milk, or even buttermilk or whey.

On the western ranges and in other localities where beef is the chief object and where the milk is not desired for other purposes, the calf is allowed to run with its mother. Under range conditions this is the only possible economic way of raising calves. The sucking calf develops into a more promising yearling than the skim milk calf, especially if the latter is fed in a careless or irregular manner. Without proper care skim milk calves make small pot-bellied yearlings.

Whatever cattle are raised on a small scale and there is a good market for milk, it does not pay to let calves suck the cows. Only calves which will bring fancy prices for breeding purposes can profitably be allowed to run with the mother. Milk will bring a larger price as butter than ordinary calves can make from it.

The results of numerous experiments in the United States and Canada are in substantial agreement with regard to the most economic method of raising calves. They should be allowed to suck the cows for three or four days. They will thus get the colostrum or first milk and exercise a favorable influence in preventing inflammation of the udder.

About the fourth day the calves should be separated from the cows and fed on whole milk by means of an artificial feeder, or taught to drink whole milk from a pail. As soon as they have learned to drink the whole milk should be gradually replaced with warm sweet skim milk so that the calves are receiving nothing but skim milk at the end of four weeks. The skim milk should be fed sweet and warm (95 to 100 degrees F.). The change from whole milk to skimmilk should cover a period of about two weeks. The skimmilk ration may begin at ten pounds per day and increase to fifteen pounds at four weeks of age, after which it may range from eighteen to twenty-four pounds.

It is best to teach calves to drink by using the fingers as artificial feeders are not very satisfactory. Scouring in calves is usually due to feeding too much milk, or sour, cold or unclean milk. Careful attention should be given to these details. If scouring persists the calves may be fed small quantities of wheat bran or rye bran or a little lime may be added.

For their best development calves require milk for four or five months. After that time milk may be omitted from the ration. Small quantities of grain should be fed from the time the calves are two or three weeks old. Corn meal, kaffir corn meal, oatmeal and ground flaxseed or linseed meal are best for this purpose. Calves may be taught to eat by placing a handful of dry meal in the mouth.

Calves which come in the fall are less subject to scouring than spring and summer calves, and there are many other excellent reasons why fall calving should be practiced.

Concerning Your Tongue.

As a matter of fact there are only four distinct tastes—sweet, bitter, salty and acid. All the others are a mixture of the sensations of smell and touch. Nor are all parts of the tongue equally sensitive to all the tastes. For example, the tip of the tongue tastes sweet things best, while the base of the tongue can best detect the presence of bitter substances. Salty material is most easily tasted at the side of the tongue. Sour or acid tastes, however, are felt on all sides. So closely linked is the sense of taste with those of odor and vision that with eyes shut and nostrils closed it is hard to distinguish between an apple and an onion. Try it and see!

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King Alfonso of Spain is guarded at night by specially selected soldiers, who take charge of the keys of all the palace doors each night. These men pledge themselves that the doors shall not be unlocked until daybreak, and no one is allowed to enter or leave the palace until the night is over. The guards sleep outside the royal bedchamber, so that no one may enter during the night.

King Albert of Belgium is another carefully guarded monarch whom no one may disturb once night has set in. Soldiers patrol the corridors of the king's palace, and his special valet locks himself in the king's ante-chamber, which no other person is allowed to enter. The valet is forbidden to open either door until morning under penalty of death.

The Czar of Russia, the closest guarded of any monarch, is protected at night by several companies of soldiers, including Englishmen, members of the secret police, and a body of Cossacks. The various companies work independently of one another.

The Sultan of Turkey is nightly watched over by a very large number of soldiers and councillors, who remain within the neighborhood of his bedroom until morning. The Sultan changes his sleeping apartment oftener than any other monarch. He has the choice of two score bedchambers, and he visits many of these in turn throughout the year.

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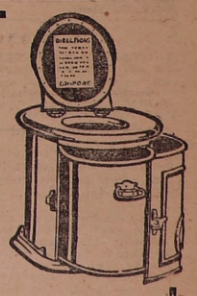

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Neuralgia is not a disease—it is only a symptom. It is the surest sign that your blood is weak, watery and impure, and that your nerves are literally starving. Bad blood is the one cause—good, rich, red blood its only cure. There you have the real reason why Dr. Williams' Pink Pills cure neuralgia. They are the only medicine that contains, in correct proportions, the very elements needed to make new, rich, red blood. This alone reaches the root of the trouble, soothes the jangled nerves, and drives away the nagging, stabbing pain, and brace up your health in other ways. Mr. M. Brennan, an ex-sergeant of the 2nd Cheshire Regiment, now a resident of Winnipeg, Man., says: "While serving with my regiment in India, on a hill station, I contracted a severe cold, which brought on acute neuralgia, at times lasting for three weeks. I was constantly suffering almost every month in the year for over seven years, the pain being sometimes so severe that I wished I was dead. On my return to England I seemed to get no better, though I spent large sums of money for medical advice and medicine. Then I came to Canada, and about a year ago saw the advertisement of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills in a Winnipeg paper. Although I had begun to think my complaint was incurable I told my wife that I intended giving the Pills a fair trial. I was suffering from terrible pains when I began taking the Pills, but before the second box was finished the pain began to disappear, and under a further use of the Pills it disappeared entirely, and I have not had a twinge of it during the past year. Only those who have been afflicted with the terrible pains of neuralgia can tell what a blessing Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have been to me, and you may be sure I shall constantly recommend them to other sufferers."

These Pills are sold by all medicine dealers or by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for $2.50 from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

PROBABILITIES.

Experts Are Engaged in Studying the Law of Chance.

You probably do not know that one of the most important laws—perhaps the most important—that govern your daily life is the law of probabilities.

If it is a cloudy day when you start to business you take an umbrella. You are unconsciously applying the law of probabilities. All day long you are, consciously or unconsciously, applying this law to your actions, to your engagements, to your eating.

If you refrain from eating fish at luncheon, it is probably because you feel that your wife will have it for dinner. Professor Virgil Snyder of London, who is an authority on the law of probabilities, says if it were expressed in figures "it would be a fraction whose numerator expresses the number of favorable ways, an event may happen and whose denominator is the total number of ways a thing can happen.

"Under the law of probabilities things will happen in the same proportion that their probabilities call for. This was proved many years ago by the Bernoulli brothers at Berns, Switzerland. They took 1,000 perfect coins and tossed them in the air 1,000 times. A careful count was made of the number of coins that fell heads at each experiment.

"At the conclusion of the test—and it was certainly a fair one—it was found that practically as many coins fell heads as tails.

"All life insurance premiums are determined by the law of probabilities. For instance, to determine the premium on people between twenty and twenty-five years of age, a life insurance company finds out how many people die annually between those ages. That number divided by the total number of people alive between those ages is a fraction that expresses the chances that people between the ages of twenty and twenty-five have of living, and it is, of course, a simple matter for the company to fix the premiums accordingly.

SALT RHEUM CAME OUT ON HANDS

Formed Watery Pimples. Itchy and Had Horrible Burning Sensation. Lost Some of Finger Nails. Could Not Open Hands. Cured by Cuticura Soap and Ointment.

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CROWN PRINCE OF TURKEY.

The Crown Prince is a permanent member of the Turkish army. His part in the present conflict has been of an advisory nature chiefly. Unless a revolution upsets the present dynasty, he will rule what is left of the Turkish Empire some day.

NEVER TIRES

Of the Food That Restored Her to Health.

"Something was making me ill and I didn't know the cause," writes a Western young lady: "For two years I was thin and sickly, suffering from indigestion and inflammatory rheumatism.

"I had tried different kinds of diet, and many of the remedies recommended, but got no better.

"Finally, Mother suggested that I try Grape-Nuts, and I began at once, eating it with a little cream or milk. A change for the better began at once.

"To-day I am well and am gaining weight and strength all the time. I've gained 10 lbs. in the last five weeks and do not suffer any more indigestion, and the rheumatism is all gone.

"I know it is to Grape-Nuts alone that I owe my restored health. I still eat the food twice a day and never tire of it." Name given by Canadian Postum Co., Windsor, Ont.

The flavor of Grape-Nuts is peculiar to itself. It is neutral, not too sweet and has an agreeable, healthful quality that never grows tiresome.

One of the sources of rheumatism is from overloading the system with acid material, the result of imperfect digestion and assimilation.

As soon as improper food is abandoned and Grape-Nuts is taken regularly, digestion is made strong, the organs do their work of building up good red blood cells and of carrying away the excess of disease-making material from the system.

The result is a certain and steady return to normal health and mental activity. "There's a reason." Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs.

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

Family Pleases Merchants.

The merchants of Lead Hill, Ark., rubbed their hands in gleeful anticipation last week when Will R. Little, a farmer, appeared in town with his family to do his annual shopping. Little's family consists of a wife and 22 children. Each year at the beginning of winter Little lays in a year's supplies and togs out the individual members of his family from head to toe. When he left the town this year his wagon was loaded with provisions and wearing apparel.

"What is this domestic science?" inquired the engaged girl. "It consists of making hash out of the left-over meat, and croquettes out of the left-over hash," explained her more experienced friend.

Minard's Liniment Cures Distemper.

Sore Chest Cured in One Night

Broke Up a Heavy Cold, Relieved Pain in the Side, Stopped an Irritating Cough.

"Anyone that goes through all that I suffered last winter will appreciate the value of a remedy that cures like Nerviline cured me." These are the opening words of the solemn declaration of E. P. Von Hayden, the well-known violinist. "My work kept me out late at night and playing in cold, drafty places brought on a severe cold that settled on my chest. I had a harsh, racking cough and severe pains darted through my sides and settled in my shoulders. I used different liniments, but none broke up my cold till I used Nerviline. I rubbed it on my neck, chest, and shoulders, morning and night, and all the pain disappeared. Realizing that such a heavy cold had run down my system, I took Ferrozone at meals, and was completely built up and strengthened. Since using Nerviline I have no more colds or pleurisy, and enjoy perfect health."

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FISH THAT FELL UPWARD.

Brilliant Colors at a Depth of 3,000 Feet.

According to Sir John Murray, one of the greatest authorities on oceanography, the bottom of the sea is a desert of pitch black darkness, penetrating cold and eternal silence. Worms, sea puddings and coral polyps sluggishly crawl or sway in the almost currentless depths, and only two species of fish, both of them small, with much head and little body, have been found deeper than a mile and a quarter down, says the London Standard.

The range of fishes in the sea is as though it were divided into layers, one above the other, and no fish can live above or below his layer. Thus many of the deeper fish—three-quarters of a mile below the surface—have been found floating at the top; they had swallowed a fish as large or larger than themselves and its buoyancy had lifted them out of the strata to which they were accustomed.

The physiology of a bottom fish is almost impossible to know, because they are built to resist a tremendous pressure of water, and when this pressure is released—as when they are brought to the surface in a net—sometimes the fish has burst; the organs are crushed beyond reconstruction.

Similarly, if a fish of a higher strata attacks a bottom fish in the neutral zone where both can live, and—as sometimes happens—his teeth become entangled so that he cannot let go, and he is dragged into deeper water, he strangles instantly, for his breathing arrangements are of no use to him under the pressure of water in the lower strata of the sea. As a rule, however, the fish of the various depths rarely feed on those above or below them.

There have been brought to light an astonishing number of forms of fish, and especially of prawns of a brilliant red color, living in the ocean at a depth of 3,000 feet. But astonishing as it may seem, these brilliantly colored fish and prawns, instead of being conspicuous in the water at that depth, are almost invisible, when almost any other color could be easily seen.

The best way to feel for the poor and needy is to feel in your pockets.

Charlie—"That was a splendid trick done last evening! I saw a man actually turn a handkerchief into an egg." Billy—"That's nothing! I saw a man, only about a week or two ago, turn a cow into a field!"

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Miss Lillie May, of Stoney Creek, Ont., says: "A few weeks since, several nasty, disfiguring cold sores suddenly broke out on my lips, which became much swollen. I tried Zam-Buk, and after a few applications of this balm, every sore was healed."

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The Evening Dialogue.

Voice (upstairs)—"John, have you locked the front door?"
"Yes."
"Put the cat out?"
"Yes."
"Have you wound the clock?"
"Yes."
"Have you been down cellar to smell the gas?"
"Yes."
"Have you taken care of the furnace?"
"Yes."
"Have you covered the bird cage?"
"Yes."
"Have you locked under the davenport for burglars?"
"Yes."
"Have you put the milk bottles out?"
"Yes."
"Have you fastened all the windows?"
"Yes."
"Well, then, why don't you come to bed? What have you been doing all the time, anyhow?"

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How Did She Know?

Mabel—"But how do you know he loves you if he hasn't told you so?"

Margery—"Oh, I can tell by the way he looks at me when I'm looking at him."

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Jack—"I say, Flo, dad says he remembers that old boy, when he hadn't a shirt to his back, and now he has thousands." Flo—"Good gracious! How extravagant!" Maud—"And how hot!"

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Hopeless.

A woman had lost her husband, and being anxious to discover his whereabouts, sought out a private inquiry agent. "Did he possess any prominent facial characteristics?" asked the latter, taking down a description of the missing man. "Yes, he had a big Roman nose." "Then he can't be found, madam." "Why?" "Because a nose of that kind never turns up!"

Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria.

Scott—"Jones says that he cleared between five and six hundred on that stock deal of his. I wonder if it's so?" Mott—"Oh, yes, he made between $5 and $600. The exact amount, I believe, was $8.75."

Minard's Liniment Cures Garget in Cows.

ONCE A PALACE.

Stafford House Was Built for the Duke of York.

Stafford House, London's finest mansion, the new ownership of which is variously attributed to Graham Miller and to Sir William H. Lever, although a ducal residence to-day, was actually built as a royal one. Its splendors were acclaimed once for all by Queen Victoria when, early in her reign, she said to the Duchess of Sutherland under its roof, "I have come from my house to your palace."

It was for Frederick Augustus, Duke of York, that York House, as it was then called, was built. When the Prince, whose effigy surmounts the York column, had been acquitted of the misuse of the military patronage, had seen the last of Mary Anne Clarke, and had been re-established by George IV. as Commander in Chief, he came to the conclusion that his virtues were somewhat unworthily housed in the stable yard at St. James's Palace.

To use his own famous expression, he regarded the quarters as the equivalent of a "shocking bad hat," and he proposed to build York House on the site of a building which had once been known as Queen Caroline's Library, or the Queen's Library. He raised the necessary money by a loan from the Marquis of Stafford, afterward first Duke of Sutherland, and appointed Benjamin Wyatt his architect. Although the great new house rose apace, the Royal Duke lay dying when its top story was reached, and it is probable that in his sick room in the Duke of Rutland's house in Arlington Street he heard the hammers, which, so far as he was concerned, were being plied in vain.

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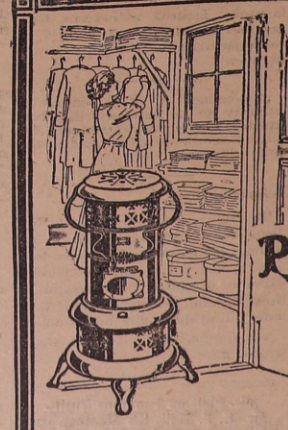

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the matter of the Estate of Almira McKee, late of the Township of Sidney, in the County of Hastings, married woman, deceased.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Ontario Statute, one, George V, chapter 26, section 55, that all persons having claims against the Estate of the late Almira McKee, deceased, who died on or about the 24th day of June, A. D. 1910, are required to send by post prepaid and registered, or to deliver to the undersigned Solicitor for the Administrator of the said Estate, at Stirling, on or before the 14th day of December, A.D. 1912, their names [illegible] and a full statement of the [illegible] and addresses, [illegible] the nature particulars of their claims, and [illegible] of the security, if any, held by them, duly verified.

And further notice is hereby given that after the said 14th day of December, A.D. 1912, the said Administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among those entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have notice, and he will not be liable for the Assets, or any part thereof, to any person or persons of whose claims he shall not then have received notice.

G. G. THRASHER,
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ROD AND GUN for December, published by W. J. Taylor Limited, Woodstock, Ont., is an especially readable number. Among its varied list of contents may be found: The Calgary Stampede, a description of the wonderful historical pageant that took place last Sept., in that city of the plains; "Bud Parsons," an amusing tale of a youthful hunter who thirsted for the blood of a bear; a finely illustrated article describing the winter attractions a well known summer tourist rendezvous—Algonquin Park; and a very funny Indian story-poem of

"Hole-in-the-Jaws"--so named because
His mouth was large and wide,
Extending clear from ear to ear
And six by eight inside."

"Food and Feeding," is the subject of the eighth article on the Culture of Black and Silver Foxes and other stories of adventure are of an exceptionally entertaining nature.

The NEWS-ARGUS to new subscribers to Dec. 31, 1913 for $1.00.

Mr. D. J. Fairfield, of Belleville, has received the appointment of Government Employment Agent for this district in the place of Mr. J. L. Anderson, who has resigned.

They are still hustling after new industries in Trenton. They are going to take a vote on Jan. 6, on a proposition to grant a free site and other concessions to the Montgomery Company Limited, a concern that promises to employ from seventy to one hundred hands in the manufacture of paper.

A prominent C. P. R. official is authority for the statement that it is expected that between 1,000 and 1,100 miles of new lines will be built in the west next year.

A Special Offer

The Globe, Toronto, (Canada's National Newspaper) Daily Edition, including the Saturday Illustrated Section, by mail to any address in Canada (Toronto excepted), United States or Great Britain, from date of receipt of order till April 1st, 1913, for one dollar.

Subscriptions received at the News-Argus Office.

Mr. Holt on Feminine Thrift.

Mr. H. S. Holt, the Montreal bank and power man, has increased confidence in women as financiers since his recent trip abroad. Interviewed in his office, the other day, the magnate talked of his stay in France. He traveled through the rural districts and was much impressed by the fact that the women of the households administered the family exchequer; mere man had to account to his wife for expenditures.

Mr. Holt judges from this that women in general possess the virtue of thriftiness to a greater degree than men.

By the way, Mr. Holt did not give any Canadian illustrations.

SHAKESPEARE'S WIFE.

And the Interlined Bequest in the Poet's Last Testament.

Obscure as are nearly all the points in Shakespeare's life, it is known that his wife's maiden name was Anne Hathaway and that her father was a substantial yeoman at a village near Stratford-on-Avon. Shakespeare was barely nineteen, while Anne was twenty-six years old, when they married. The marriage bond, one of the few papers connected with Shakespeare's life, is dated November, 1582. Little is known of their domestic life.

One circumstance that seems to tell against any strong affection on the part of Shakespeare is that he drew his will—or some one drew it for him—without mentioning the wife, and then a few words interlined gave the item, "I give unto my wife my second best bed, with the furniture." This interlined bequest has been taken by some as a proof that in making his will he had forgotten her, only to remember her by a slighting bequest.

On the other hand, it has been pointed out that Mrs. Shakespeare would by law have a third of her husband's possessions, and for that reason there would be less occasion to remember her with special gifts of affection.

She died on Aug. 6, 1623, and was buried two days later in Stratford church. At death she was sixty-seven years old. Shakespeare died at the age of fifty-two years.

LEARNED THE LESSON.

Then the Igorrotes Spread the Glad Greeting Broadcast.

Some experiences of the first days of schoolteaching in the Philippines are described by Alice M. Kelly in the Manila Times. She went among the Igorrotes in November, 1901, so that she can really be considered a veteran.

The natives were frightened at the sight of an American woman, and not even prized dainties like sardines could bring them to her. They spoke no English or Spanish, and she had not a word of Igorrote.

But she resolved to break this silence, and, catching one old man who could not run, she repeated over and over again, "Good morning, Mrs. Kelly," till at last, to escape, he repeated the words after her. Not long after she heard that Americans were being greeted, regardless of sex, with a cheery "Good morning, Mrs. Kelly."

And, oddest of all, in a courtroom several Igorrotes solemnly walked up to the judges' bench and, bowing deeply, said, "Good morning, Mrs. Kelly," evidently well satisfied that they had done the correct thing.

The school which Mrs. Kelly founded has become the Bua school.

Finding New Friends.

Suppose a new friendship enters into your life. If the man or woman is worth anything to you they ought to be worth a great deal. They ought to advance and quicken your development as you theirs. They ought to make you more complex, more sympathetic with the great mankind. One knows—he is a poor person who does not—how delightful the first rush of feeling is, when as yet we only hope we have found another friend, another soul which can touch ours. Old things become new. It is like dew upon a thirsty meadow. Fresh faculties are developed. A fresh eagerness seizes upon the old. We look forward to exploring a new soul as men who have found a new continent.—Frances E. Willard.

Handling a Rifle.

The rifle for rapid firing should have shotgun weight, shotgun balance, shotgun trigger pull, shotgun fit and the sights must be such as can be caught instantly without effort in alignment. The hands grasp the piece firmly, not with the rifleman's loose grip, but the left arm pushes forward while the right draws back, and the trigger is pulled by transferring the drawing back force to the trigger finger and not by any conscious crooking of that finger. The moment the bead covers the mark the bullet must be under way, be the aim good or bad.—Outing.

His Best Friend.

Many great writers besides Cicero and Emerson have written on friendship, but it may be doubted whether any essayist had a more definite idea than a small boy who was recently asked what he meant by "best friend." "My best friend," he replied, "is a person who knows me and yet likes me."—Collier's.

Both Punished.

"Pop!"

"Yes, my son."

"In olden times a woman who was a common scold was punished, wasn't she?"

"Yes, my son. So was the man she married."—Yonkers Statesman.

Great Success.

Clara—Isn't it perfectly lovely—this higher education of women? Dora—Why? Clara—The paper says 80 per cent of the Vassar college graduates get married.—New York Weekly.

A Real Gentleman.

"One gentlemanly thing about a dentist," remarked the man on the car, "is that he never rubs it in by saying, 'This hurts me more than it does you.'"—Toledo Blade.

Premature Joy.

"Well, well, well! I'm certainly glad I met you!"

"I'm sorry, old man, but I gave my last dollar to my wife just before I left home."—Houston Post.

THREE SONGS.

They Will Live Above All Others in the Man Who Heard Them.

The brilliant, fashionably clad audience roared an ovation to the great singer. She was unquestionably the best soprano in the world. The critic turned to his friend, the self made millionaire, and said:

"Did you ever hear any song more exquisitely rendered?"

"Yes," said the rich man musingly, for he was touched by the magic of what he had heard. "Yes; I have heard three greater singers."

"I want to know!" exclaimed the critic.

"The first was years ago. The singer was plain of face and gray of hair and tired of body. There was much work to do and many little mouths to feed. I was the youngest child, sick and cross, and that dear singer crooned to me a lullaby, and I slept. It was a wonderful song.

"The next was years afterward. We had a little cottage. It was summer, and the windows and doors were open. My wife was in the kitchen preparing supper. She was singing something about her true love coming home to her. It was for me. And that, too, was a wonderful song.

"Some more years elapse. There is a little toddler in the garden, and she sings hesitantly something about daddy and his baby.

"These are the three singers, my friend, who beat all your Tetrazzinis."

And the critic? Well, perhaps the critic agreed with him.—Albany Times-Union.

LIQUID AIR.

The Way It Acts as a Preservative of Animal Matter.

It is sometimes necessary to preserve parts of a human body or of some other animal for the purpose of testing for the presence of poisons. In such cases the preservative must fulfil certain special requirements. It must be able to prevent absolutely any decay or putrefaction; it must not itself cause any change in the tissues, either structural or chemical; it must not introduce any substance that would in any way interfere with the subsequent tests or give rise to false conclusions, and it must be easily handled.

Liquid air has been found to be quite well adapted to this use. Its low temperature (about 400 degrees below zero, Fahrenheit) prevents absolutely all putrefaction as well as all other chemical change. At the same time, it prevents the evaporation of any volatile substance that may be present, such as carbon monoxide or hydrocyanic acid gas. Experiments have shown that the most delicate tissues, such as glands and brain, are quite unaffected by being placed in liquid air for a long time, and the tissues even retain their natural colors.

For the purpose of making chemical tests in a piece of tissue it is frequently necessary to cut the material up into very small pieces. Tissues that have been preserved in liquid air are frozen so hard that they may be ground up into a fine powder.—Harper's.

Titbits of the Ancient Greeks.

As delicacies the Greeks ate young foxes caught in the autumn, robins and sparrows and certain kinds of fish snared by moonlight. There is a scrap of an old Greek comedy in which a cook boasts of frying a fish so exquisitely that it threw him grateful looks from the pan. A famous Greek dish was the Trojan pig, half of it boiled and the other half roasted. It was stuffed with eggs, ortolans and thrushes. The Romans ate snails—giant monsters—fattened until their shells held an incredible amount of snail. The kettle in a high class Roman kitchen was often shaped like an elephant's head. The water was poured through the trunk. The gridiron might be a huge silver spider or a skeleton fish.

Oysters as They Grow.

When young oysters first appear they are called "spat" and are no larger than a pinhead. At the age of one year they are known as "brood" and a bushel measure will hold about 6,400 of them. When they are three years old they are designated as "ware" and the 6,400 of them will then fill three one bushel measures. They are not ready for market until they are four years old, and then they have arrived to a dignity of proportion that if the bushel of broods has not lost any of its members it will require nearly seven of such measures to carry them to market.

Uncle Bonbon.

An elderly beau had been delivering himself of certain forcible home truths when lecturing his nephew.

"Wonderful chap, your uncle," observed a friend when the old gentleman had disappeared. "So well preserved."

"I don't know so much about his being well preserved," growled the offended nephew, "but he is unpleasantly candid."—Youth's Companion.

A Debated Definition.

"A gentleman," says a contemporary, "is a man who feels uncomfortable while he sits in a car and sees a woman hanging to a strap."

Not so, brother. A gentleman doesn't keep his seat long enough to feel uncomfortable.—Boston Transcript.

No Returns Wanted.

"'E says to me, 'Why don't yer 'it 'im?' 'E 'it 'im,' I says. 'What's the use of my 'ittin' 'im? 'E'd 'it me back again.'"—London Tatler.

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Making Trouble Again

Mr. and Mrs. John Mack, of Rawdon, who made things lively for a number of County constables last February are again making trouble for themselves and others. The trouble began a considerable time ago, when Mr. Redcliffe got judgment in an action for slander against Mr. and and Mrs. Mack. The latter refused to pay and constable Jones was instructed to sieze chattels to cover the judgment. The Macks made things so lively that he was forced to take a posse of constables with him. Even then the accused attacked them with a pitchfork but was overpowered. As a result Mr. Mack was given six months in prison for interfering with an officer in discharge of his duty. He was let out in August last.

A couple of nights ago Mr. Mack stole one of the horses that were seized to cover the judgment, and which was purchased by Mr. Thain. The animal was easily tracked to the Mack premises but Mr. Mack has secured firearms and threatens to shoot the first person who interferes with him. A warrant was sworn out for his arrest but constables Scrimshaw, Green and Jones have all refused to serve the warrant and make the arrest. In other words the county constables have apparently gone on strike. A request has been sent to Belleville for officials to be sent from there to make the arrest, and this will probably be done.

The question arises as to why County constables object so strongly to arresting and taking prisoners to Belleville, but the answer is easy. It is because the tariff of fees allowed is absurdly small for the time and expense incurred in going to Belleville and back. We have been informed by one County constable that he has actually been fifteen cents out of pocket besides the loss of his time in taking a prisoner to the county jail. In another instance recently the only way a constable could be induced to take a prisoner to Belleville was by a private firm supplementing the fees allowed by the Court.

This condition of affairs calls for some kind of action without delay. If the constables have a grievance (and they certainly appear to have one, especially when the fees allowed lawyers and other Court officials are considered) they should receive redress and be allowed sufficient remuneration to compensate them to some extent for the risk which they run. If they have no grievance then they should be discharged and others appointed who will act.—Marmora Herald.

As a sequel to the above the Belleville Ontario of Saturday says;

Three years in the Kingston penitentiary is the term assigned to John T. Mack, who pleaded guilty to appropriating to his own use a horse belonging to his brother-in-law. Judge Deroche pronounced judgement and sentence this morning.

Mack has been before the court before and served a term in the county jail for threatening to do bodily harm to constables who were about to seize some goods under a warrant of execution.

Through the arrest of Mrs. Margaret Black the Hamilton police believe they have discovered one of the principal stations of the white slave traffic in Canada.

This season's number of people returning to Great Britain for the Christmas season is the largest ever registered in the railroad and steamship business of Moutreal.

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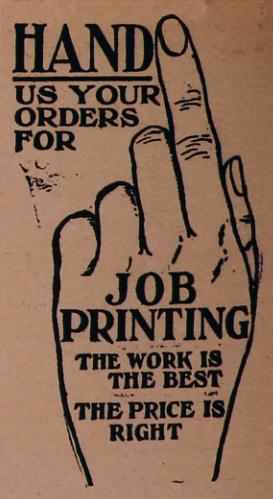

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Attempted Murder and Suicide

An attempted murder, followed by suicide took place on Saturday afternoon last in the 12th concession of Rawdon, about four miles west of Bellview, when E. D. Wellman shot his fourteen-year-old wife, as she lay ill in bed, and afterwards killed himself.

Wellman and the girl named Hibbard were married in Campbellford in June last, he being 38 years old and she only 14 last January. Her mother is dead, but her father is still living.

A possible explanation of Wellman's murderous intentions is given by neighbors that he fancied undue attention had been paid his wife by a farmer who resided near Wellman's.

Later accounts state that Mrs. Wellman may possibly recover, but will be disfigured for life.

It is stated that Wellman had not been right in his mind for some time. In September last he was first noticed acting strangely, his talk and unusual conduct causing much comment and uneasiness among his neighbors.

We Need a Parcel-Post

As the Dominion Government has a model in every civilized country there should be no difficulty about establishing an efficient parcels-post system. Express companies, as privileged adjuncts of railway corporations, have a strong influence that may be exerted in various ways. They have grown accustomed to the present system and find it highly profitable. It is natural that they should be adverse to a change which would transfer a large part of their business to a Government department. No influence other than that of the railways can force a policy of inaction on the Government, although the rural merchants adverse to facilities for competition by the big retail establishments of the cities may be urged as an excuse. The fact is that rural merchants would be accorded advantages that would be fully compensatory. Railway influence is the only obstacle that threatens to prevent this needed reform.—Globe.

Address and Presentation

A large number of the neighbors of Mr. John Parks met on Tuesday evening and spent a pleasant time togeth[illegible] Mr. A. Stewart, sr., took the [illegible] being driven from the home they ha[illegible] so tastefully built. Mr. W. A. Milne[illegible] read an address, and Mrs. C. U. Clancy presented a beautiful silver tea service. The address was as follows:

DEAR MR. AND MRS. PARKS,—We, as friends and neighbors, have met here tonight to spend a social hour together with you on this, the eve of your departure from your old home. We all regret that circumstances have arisen which has made it necessary to abandon the home for which you have so faithfully labored, and so far as the human eye can see you have been successful in making an ideal home. We wish to assure you that you have our heartfelt sympathy upon this occasion. We desire to remind you that material things, however important these may be, are not all that is required to make a home. The cottage on the moor may be home just as truly as the mansion of the millionaire. Home is home in the highest sense of the term when the Divine reaches down to the human, and the human grasps the Divine in a firm and trusting clasp of friendship and devotion. It is then, and then only that the inmates of the home can enjoy, as they should be enjoyed, the blessings that come from the Master's hand, and we trust that in your new home you may experience the fulfilment of that promise of sustaining grace, that power which will lift the humble and trusting followers of the meek and lowly Jesus, above the material things of time and sense. We now desire to convey to you in a more tangible manner than mere formal words can express, the respect and esteem in which you both are held by this entire community. We therefore ask you to accept this Service as a slight token of the esteem we all bear toward you, and we trust that the same pleasant and happy associations that have existed in the past may continue to exist between us in the future, and may the richest blessing of the Master attend you throughout your journey here below, and when you are done with things of time and sense may it be yours to hear the Master's "Welcome, enter now into the joy of your Lord."

Signed on behalf of friends and neighbors,

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Madoc Junction Items

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A juvenile cantata "Santa Claus Defenders" is to be given here on the 19th. The children are putting forth every effort to make the evening a success.

Mr. Nathan Eggleton attended the "Winter Fair" at Guelph last week.

The last meeting of the W. M. S. was held at the home of Mrs. Rev. W. S. Barker on Wednesday afternoon after a very interesting programme tea was served with cake and sandwiches.

Miss Winnie Hoard has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Mason Clarke.

Miss Madden spent the week end with Miss Muriel Anderson.

Organ Recital

A great treat was in store to those who took advantage of it last night, at the Methodist church, when one of the greatest musical events of the season was given by Gatty Sellars, the great English organist and composer, and solo organist of Queen's Hall, London. The Coronation music and cathedral chimes would thrill any one who had a sense of music in any way. The whole programme was of the best, and never has been excelled in our midst. Those who did not partake of the musical evening undoubtedly missed a rare treat, and we believe if in the near future Mr. Sellars could return, or could be induced to return, a great many more people would attend.

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What will brighten your home better than a beautiful, pleasing picture on the wall. "Mother's Treasures" is just the picture you want. It is fit for any home in Canada and can be had free by subscribing to The Family Herald and Weekly Star of Montreal, the greatest and best family paper printed. It costs only one dollar a year, and no home can afford to be without it. Every present subscriber to that paper should send his renewal now and get a copy of the beautiful picture. Any one not a subscriber should order the paper and picture at once. They will help to make the New Year brighter for you.

Wellman's Corners Royal Black Preceptory No. 747, held their annual meeting on Wednesday evening, Dec. 11th, at which the following officers [illegible]
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1st. Cen. " " " J. Johnson
2nd " " " " D. McAdam
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A Christmas Tree and entertainment will be held in Salem church, Minto, on Monday evenlng next, Dec. 23rd, under the auspices of Salem Sunday School. An excellent programme will be given and Santa Claus will distribute the presents. Admission 25c. and 15c. The program begins at 8 o'clock.

A short course in stock and seed judging will be held in Campbellford Dec. 18th, 19th and 20th, under the auspices of Seymour Agricultural Society and the English Line Farmers' Club, co-operating with the Provincial Farmers' Institute and the Northumberland and Durham Branch of the Department of Agriculture.

Under the new amendments to the Public Health Act measles is a communicable disease and the house in which there is a case is to be placarded. The family is not quarantined, however, and the regulations are not so strict as for diphtheria and other diseases. The children in a house where there are measles are not allowed to go to school but the men are allowed to go to work.

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A PEAR AND A POSER

"William pears! Aw' ripe! Punny each!"

Archibald Keith, stalking along to keep an appointment with Miss Isabel Martin, heard the coster's raucous cry, and it awakened an immediate interest within him. Archie had many fervent likes and dislikes, but if there was one edible which appealed to him more than another, it was a fine, luscious pear.

Archie glanced at the man's barrow as it passed. The bright lights of the shop windows cast an alluring glamor over the neatly-arranged rows of yellow fruit. Certainly they were remarkably fine pears, and extremely cheap. Archie's mouth watered.

Archie looked at his watch. The appointment was timed for eight-ten punctually, outside Baskell's corner shop. It was now two minutes past eight, and Baskell's but three or four minutes' walk. Yes, he would just have time to reach the rendezvous before Isabel turned up.

He strode back to the barrow and purchased a pear. Then he hastened on towards Baskell's, the pear in his hand.

And then he met Percy Locke. Of course, he would meet someone he knew! It was just his luck! He was a man who rather prided himself on his fastidious deportment. In the office he was a recognized authority on etiquette.

"Cheer-ho!" observed Locke, rather wanly. Clearly Locke was at a bit of a loose end. "Been buying pears, old man?" he remarked, evidently desirous of leading up to conversation.

"Looks like it!" admitted Archie, abortly.

"Doing anything particular?" queried Locke wistfully.

"Yes; fearfully busy!" said Archie. "Can't stop a minute! So-long!"

He hurried on, glad to have escaped, yet resentful of Locke. Dash it all! What did Locke—a married man, too—want to go mooning about the street for?

He and Locke, who were employed in the same office, had been pals at one time, and that circumstance rather increased Archie's annoyance. A man who used to be a pal ought to have better tact!

There had been no violent quarrel to sever their friendship. After two or three years of close acquaintanceship, Locke had got himself married, and Archie had become engaged, and so, as is the way of the world in such matters, they just drifted apart. Mrs. Locke—a nice little woman, he thought, and rather too good, if anything, for Locke. He had introduced Miss Martin to Locke, too, and Locke had congratulated him very warmly on his choice.

Archie looked at his watch again as he reached Baskell's corner. It was just seven minutes past eight. He had three minutes in which to consume his pear.

Baskell's corner itself was brilliantly illuminated by arc-lamps, and offered no concealment to a man who desired to consume edibles in secrecy. But on one side of the corner there ran a dark little side street, a promising place for privacy.

Up this side-street strolled Archie, and waited only till he was in the outer darkness beyond the arc-lamps before his teeth met in the pear's melting tissue.

He had only taken his second bite, for the assimilation of a juicy pear is a matter for extreme care to a man who values his ties and waistcoats—when Miss Martin put in an appearance under the fizzing electric lamps.

She was early—a good two minutes early!

Archie, his mouth full of luscious pear, stared at her in dismay. Then he glanced tentatively at the fruit in his hand. Should he throw it away forthwith, and go forward to greet her? But it was the finest William he had ever tasted! To waste it would be a sin.

"No; I'll finish it," thought Archie. "After all, it's her fault for being early!"

So, while Miss Martin gazed with much interest at the contents of Baskell's window, Archie, a score of yards away in the darkness, was disposing of his pear as quickly as possible.

There was still a good half to finish when suddenly he ceased munching, for Locke had appeared beneath the arc-lights, and was talking to Miss Martin.

"Awful cheek!" muttered Archie unreasonably, with his mouth full of pear.

In order to curtail the interview as soon as possible, he recommenced his attack on the William pear, relishing its flavor to the utmost, and yet keeping an aggressive eye on Locke and Miss Martin.

To his growing surprise, they seemed to be speaking quite seriously, and presently Locke appeared to be persuading Miss Martin earnestly.

At first she hesitated, glancing along the crowded thoroughfare, as though in search of Archie. Then she nodded, and this seemed to please Locke so much that he half made a movement towards taking her arm.

Archie finished the last mouthful with one convulsive gulp, and then took out his handkerchief to wipe his lips and fingers. It was an operation which needed thoroughness; and when, preparatory to striding along to interrupt the interview, he looked again under the arc-lamps, Locke and Miss Martin had vanished.

"Well, that's a nice thing!" he exclaimed blankly.

It occurred to him that they might be looking for him just round the corner, and he hastened into the thoroughfare. He was just in time to see the couple clambering on to a 'bus as it jolted forward.

Archie was a young man very much in love, and so jealousy was his immediate emotion.

"Carrying on!" he puffed. "Carrying on under my very eyes, though they didn't know I was looking! Upon my word, it's a bit too thick! You ask a girl to meet you, and when she turns up, a married man—a married man, mark you!—comes along and persuades her to go off with him!"

Waking to action, Archie mounted the next 'bus that came along, and followed in the wake of Locke and Miss Martin.

They were seated side by side on top of the vehicle. He could see them still talking animatedly, and a fiery imagination painted in the words they were probably saying to each other.

Then Archie remembered how evident had been Locke's admiration on introduction to Miss Martin. Now he came to think of it, they had been wonderfully friendly on the three or four subsequent occasions upon which they had met. And now this climax had come along!

Archie's 'bus presently rumbled past the other vehicle. Archie turned in his seat to watch the guilty pair. It irritated him all the more that they did not look a bit guilty.

When some fifty yards separated the vehicles, the back 'bus stopped. Archie, leaning over the rails, saw Miss Martin and Locke descend, and both went into a shop.

Archie clattered down the steps of his vehicle, but found it impossible to dismount, for threatening traffic jostled along behind the 'bus, like sharks in the wake of a ship. Another fifty yards had been traversed before Archie was able to gain the pavement and hasten back.

He was just in time to see the couple he was shadowing mount another 'bus. Locke was carrying a great mass of flowers, but he gave them into Miss Martin's hands when they reached the top of the 'bus.

Wildly Archie signalled to the conductor.

"Full inside and on top!" shouted that official inexorably.

And so Locke and Miss Martin were borne from Archie's sight, and he stood staring blankly after the 'bus till it had vanished in the mosaic of traffic.

It was an enraged Archie who perambulated blindly through the streets for the next hour. At one moment he was resolving never to see again the fair but false face of Miss Martin. In the next minute he was determining to see her out and demand an explanation of her conduct.

It was this latter decision which prevailed when he turned his footsteps towards the road in which Miss Martin resided. He took up his station on the footpath opposite to her dwelling, and disposed himself to "keeping under observation" with all the zeal of a newly-joined policeman, anxious to win his spurs.

At last his vigilance was rewarded. Round the corner and up the road there advanced the figures of Locke and Miss Martin. As Archie had expected, the fellow was actually having the effrontery to escort her to her home!

All Archie's smouldering jealousy blazed into passion at the sight. He strode across the street, and faced them with infuriated countenance.

"What does this mean?" he shouted. "Sneaking off with each other behind my back! At least, you thought you were sneaking off—but I saw you! Aren't you ashamed of yourselves?"

Locke and Miss Martin were dismayed to silence by the fierce outburst.

"It was my fault," said Locke, recovering his power of speech by degrees. "I—I asked Miss Martin to come with me. I didn't know she was waiting for you when I asked her."

"I didn't know it would upset you like this!" confessed Miss Martin tearfully. "You see, when Mr. Locke begged me to come with him, I——"

"Begged you to come with him!" exclaimed Archie. "All right! That settles it! I've done with her—done with her for good and all! See? You can meet her every evening in future, for all I care! Take her on 'busses and buy flowers for her—I don't care! I've utterly done with her!"

Wrathfully Archie turned and strode away.

Locke and Miss Martin stood staring at each other in consternation. Then Locke went hurrying after Archie's vanishing form.

"I say, old man," he called soberly, "you're jumping to conclusions, you know. If you'll let me explain——"

"There can't be any explanation," said Archie shortly, over his shoulder.

"But there is!" protested Locke.

"Look here!" exclaimed Archie, halting again. "It's no good trying to gammon me! Didn't I see with my own eyes what happened? While she was waiting for me, you came up, and persuaded her to go off gallivanting with you! I saw you!"

"Did you notice just now that she wasn't carrying them any longer?" queried Locke. "Or were you too—er—excited?"

"Forgotten them somewhere, I suppose?" sneered Archie. "Or left 'em somewhere, so's I shouldn't suspect!"

"They weren't forgotten," said Locke. "But they were left somewhere."

"Ah!" cried Archie. "Thought as much!"

"They were left," continued Locke steadily, "with my wife."

"Left with your wife?" echoed Archie.

"Yes. You see, old man, my wife's been"—his voice faltered momentarily—"been a bit queer lately. Pretty bad, the doctor said; but she's better now. And, you see, we—we haven't made many acquaintances somehow. And tonight a fancy came on her that we were lonely sort of people with no friends. So I—I went out to try and find someone I knew to take home with me to try to cheer her up. I meant to ask you, but you said you were in a hurry."

"Well?" asked Archie, in a low voice.

"Next I saw Miss Martin, standing under some electric lights, and I went across to her, and asked her to come and try and cheer my wife up a bit. She hesitated a bit at first, but at last she agreed, and she came with me and cheered my wife up like one o'clock! Miss Martin's a brick, old man, and you're a lucky fellow."

"Yes," pointed out Archie. "But why didn't you wait for me?"

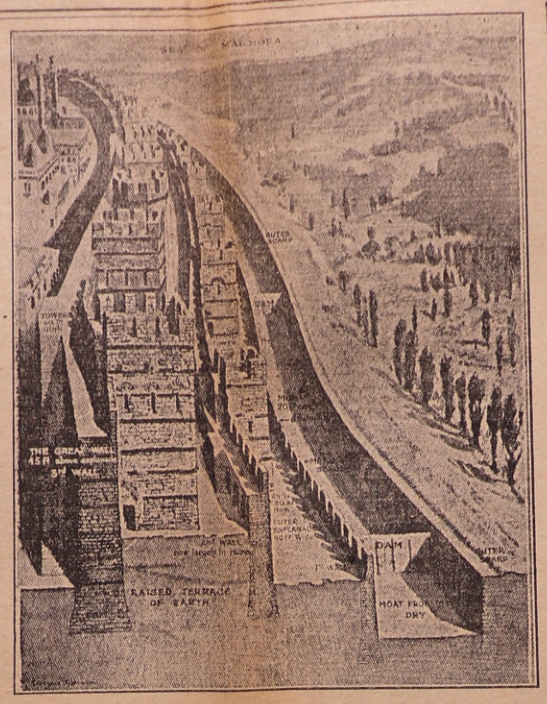
"Well, Miss Martin said she was sure you wouldn't mind very much when you knew why she hadn't kept the appointment. You see, we had no idea you were looking on all the time, as you seem to have been. And I was in a bit of a hurry, too. You see, I'd been longer finding someone than I thought I'd be. There was a shop I passed earlier in the evening, and it had a stunning lot of flowers, and I wanted to buy some there for the wife before the shop closed. That was why we didn't wait."

"Old man," stammered Archie, putting out his hand, "I apologize! See you in the morning. Must run back now! I can just catch a glimpse of Isabel waiting by her gate."

And next morning Archie's first words to Locke were:

"Old man, we're both coming round to see you and your wife tonight!"—London Answers.

"What's that bump on your head?" "That's where a thought struck me."



FAMOUS AND HISTORIC BYZANTINE WALL.

During the eight centuries the city of Constantinople, guarded from attack and from where the Marble Tower stands in stately solitude, with the blue waves of Propontus lapping its base, to where the wall of Heraclius meets the Golden Horn, there is not a foot of shattered masonry of these great walls that is not instinct with the memory of a glorious past.

On May 29, 1453, the Turkish hordes, under Osmanli Sultan Mahommed II., stormed the great city, which has since been their capital. In those days it was a vast fortified camp, the strongest fortress in the world. Since that time the city never has been actually besieged, though often threatened. The mighty walls, which for a thousand years held every adversary at bay, have been allowed to decay, and are now in ruins.

RELIC OF EVOLUTION?

English Surgeon Offers a New Theory on Cancer.

An interesting theory as to the origin of cancer has been brought forward by Mansell Moullin, consulting surgeon at the London Hospital, in a lecture before the Royal College of Surgeons.

His suggestion is the growth of tumors of all kinds in a human be- represents in some way the re- lower animals have for reproducing lost tissues and organs. Many very elementary organisms continue their species by the simple process of budding off a new representative of their line or by simply separating a part of themselves, with the result that the detached pieces become new animals.

"Many lowly worms," he says, "reproduce by this simple process of budding or division. That curious little pond animal, the hydra or fresh water anemone, grows a little bud in its side, which ultimately forms a new hydra. Should this remarkable little animal be cut into pieces each piece will grow into a new representative of its species.

"To a lesser degree this same capacity is found in the crab, which can grow a new claw in the place of the one that is damaged or destroyed, as also in various reptiles, such as the lizard, which are able to reproduce tails in a similar way.

"Man as an animal has long since lost the power of reproducing new organs and limbs. If he loses even his little finger he is quite unable to grow a new one. But it is a commonplace of science that bodily functions, which play an important part in the every day life of the lower forms from which we can trace our descent, still crop up, from time to time, in ourselves, commonly in an abnormal manner.

"We have numerous imperfectly developed organs in the body, which either play no part at all in the physiological processes, or have acquired some entirely new property. As an example of this the remains of the third eye, which every one has in his brain, may be quoted. This, of course, is not now an ocular organ at all."

Dr. Mansell Moullin's idea is that the ability to bud off either whole specimens of the race or single organs, which may have been of great use to our ancestors several millions of years ago, is still sometimes expressed in an abnormal manner in the human race to-day, and that when it finds expression a large mass of tissue, that is to say, a tumor, results, which may be of a simple nature or, on the other hand, may assume the terrible malignancy of the cancer.

Kylmer—"What is the secret of success in business? Selling the people what they want?" Muntoburn—"No, not exactly; educating them into wanting things you have to sell."

Wickler — "Beastly weather, isn't it?" Stickler—"Why will you use those idiotic expressions? How can the weather be beastly?" Wickler—"Well, its raining cats and dogs."

TORONTO CORRESPONDENCE

INTERESTING BITS OF GOSSIP FROM THE QUEEN CITY.

The Municipal Elections—Are "Good Times" Drawing to a Close?—High Cost of Living—Toronto's Street Railway.

At the time of writing no candidate in opposition to Mayor Hocken has appeared on the horizon. No one in the present Council is prepared to take the plunge, and any opponent must, therefore, come from outside. One man whose name continues to be mentioned as a possible candidate is Dr. Charles Sheard, formerly Medical Health Officer of the city. Dr. Sheard is a man of independent means and an independent turn of mind, who at one time was exceedingly popular as head of the Medical Department on account of the way he used to "talk up" to the Aldermen. Since retiring from official life he has several times threatened to run for something, but has always lacked the nerve to go through with it. His friends think he would give Mayor Hocken a good run, particularly if he holds off his candidature until the last week and then makes a whirlwind campaign of it. They figure that he would get the anti-temperance vote, the "Sunday slides" vote, the Roman Catholic vote, a section of the Liberal vote, he being a less prominent Conservative than Mayor Hocken, and even a goodly section of the Orange vote.

Even if there is no Mayoralty contest, that does not mean that New Year's Day will not be an interesting voting event. Never before has there been such a big field for Board of Control. All the old members are seeking re-election and new aspirants are springing up on all sides. Controller Foster, who has been spoken of as a possible Mayoralty candidate, will stand on his platform of economy. He may possibly head the poll, even in a large field. Controller Church, in his role of being all things to all men, will try to glad-hand his way back. Controller McCarthy, the only Liberal elected to the Board last January, while a disappointment in some respects on his year's record, is a capable man of business. Controller Maguire, another Liberal, who has served out Mr. Hocken's unexpired term, has had his taste of blood and wants more. Then there is James Simpson, running as a Socialist, who may not get elected, but will poll a strong vote, drawing, as he will, from labor unions, church workers, temperance societies, Orange lodges, Sons of England and Liberals. Ex-Controller F. S. Spence, always a keen student of municipal problems, and drawing upon the same support as Mr. Simpson (with the exception of the lodges), wants to come back. So does ex-Controller J. J. Ward, another Liberal, labor champion, and Roman Catholic. Ald. O'Neil, another Liberal Roman Catholic and personally popular, also has his hat in the ring. Ald. Yeomans, who has made a specialty of water works questions, and ex-Ald. Sweeney, a brother of the Bishop of Toronto, completes the list at the moment.

It is curious that in the list of ten candidates in "Tory Toronto," only four should be Conservatives. Of these four only two, Controller Foster and Church are regarded as strong "runners." The task of guessing the winners is, therefore, more than usually difficult.

A "High Brow" for Alderman.

Of the new Aldermanic material offering the most interesting candidate is Dr. S. Morley Wickett, formerly of the staff of the University of Toronto, but now engaged in the leather manufacturing industry. Dr. Wickett is what is sometimes called a "high brow" candidate. He is a B. A. of Toronto University, Ph. D. of Leipsic University, and studied also at Vienna, Berlin, Paris and Cambridge. He turned itself to the Canadian Manufacturers Association in technical education. He has written a good deal about the theory of municipal government, but this is his first venture into the hurly-burly of practical politics.

The last "high brow" candidate Toronto had was Sir Edmund Walker, who a few years ago was elected to the Board of Education. He served one term, and then promptly retired. Why he did so has not been very definitely explained.

Croakers Getting Noisy.

One is hearing rather persistent forebodings these days that our "good times" are in danger of being checked temporarily. Of course, there are always a certain number of croakers who continuously draw a poor mouth. Present forebodings may emanate from them only, but they seem just a little more numerous than usual.

The theory of the croakings is that there has been a too rapid expansion and exploitation in Canada, particularly in real estate. Too much money has been borrowed. Too little of it has been made productive. Then the Balkan war, like every other war, has eaten up great chunks of capital—wiped it off the earth. This, of course, has a tendency to cut off the supply of capital available for investment.

Every autumn there is a certain amount of money tightness caused by millions of dollars being sent west to pay the farmers for their crops as they bring them to market. But this year it is just a little tighter than usual, and the fear is that the stringency may last longer.

The Town Lot Speculation.

That there has been a vast overdoing of the real estate business is undoubted. One calculator says that there are a million and a quarter town lots in Canada on the market. To put a family on each of these lots would mean an added population equal to the total present population of Canada. And to support this additional population in towns and cities would require at least another 7,000,000 people on the land. So that to occupy all the town lots now sub-divided would require a Canadian population of some 21,000,000 souls.

Then the high cost of living is assuming serious proportions. If any person had foretold ten years ago what rents and prices in 1912 would be in Toronto he would have been regarded as crazy. One living in the country has little idea of the struggle to make ends meet that goes on in many Toronto homes, where the incomes received would ordinarily be considered quite adequate.

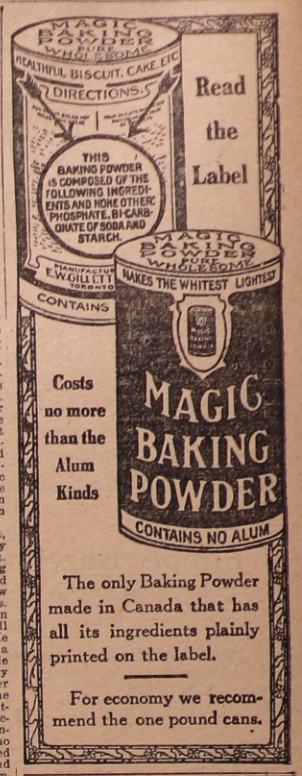
However, no one predicts that there will be any serious break in Toronto's growth.

A Municipal Railway.

Toronto's first experiment in the municipal ownership and operation of street car lines is taking a modest form. A mile or two of railway has been constructed on Gerrard street east, a street which the Street Railway Company refused to serve, and which was therefore open to the city to do as it liked with. As there was no other way to develop the district than by a car line, the city went ahead. The line is now complete, four cars have been placed in operation and the city is more or less securely launched in the street railway business. The fare has been fixed at two cents, or six tickets for ten cents, but, of course, to get anywhere passengers have also to pay a fare on the Street Car Company's system.

Two other similar stub lines in other districts are also shortly to be opened by the city. There is no expectation that they can be made to pay. The only question is as to the size of the deficit. The hope of advocates of municipal ownership is that the deficit will not be so large as to discourage the city from taking over the Toronto Street Railway when its franchise expires in 1921.

To Set Colors in Bright Materials.—Soak them deep in water to which you have added half a cup of salt and the same of vinegar for half an hour before washing them and they will not fade.



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Selected Recipes.

Chocolate Doughnuts.—Beat two eggs, add one and one-half cupfuls of sugar, a small piece of butter, two squares of (melted) chocolate, one cupful of milk, and one heaping teaspoonful of baking-powder in flour enough to make a soft dough. Fry as usual.

Quick-made Soup. — Throw into boiling water a handful of tapioca, with salt and pepper, and stir while cooking. Put in a pan a large piece of butter, and the yolks of two or three eggs beaten up in a little water. Pour in the boiling tapioca, and mix well by stirring.

Potato Biscuit.—To one cupful of hot mashed potato add one-half cupful of sugar and one yeast-cake dissolved in one-half cupful of warm water. Let the mixture rise. Add one-half cupful each of butter and sugar, two eggs well beaten, one teaspoonful of salt, and three and one-quarter cupfuls of flour. Knead and let it rise. Then shape into biscuit and let it rise again. Brush over with sugar and water, and bake in a moderate oven.

A More Economical Plum Pudding.—Put one cupful of finely chopped raisins in the bottom of a mixing-dish, and mix one cupful of flour with it. Add one cupful of brown sugar, one cupful of suet chopped fine, one-half teaspoonful each of clove, cinnamon and allspice, the juice and grated rind of one lemon, citron to suit, and salt, one cupful of grated carrot, one cupful of grated potato, one teaspoonful of soda, mixed with the potato. Mix all thoroughly, and steam three hours. Hard or liquid sauce as you please. This tastes much like English plum pudding, but it is far more easily digested.

Arrowroot Pudding.—Two cups of boiling milk, three heaping teaspoonfuls of Bermuda arrowroot wet to a smooth paste with a little cold milk, four tablespoonfuls of white sugar beaten light, with two eggs. Mix the arrowroot paste with the boiling milk, stir three minutes over the fire; take from the range and beat in the eggs and sugar. If too stiff, stir in a little more milk. Turn into a buttered bake dish and bake, covered, for twenty minutes. Then uncover and brown lightly. You may, if you like, make a meringue of the whites of two eggs and a little powdered sugar and spread over the surface before drawing the pudding from the oven. In that case leave it upon the upper grating of the oven to color lightly. Eat ice cold with cream.

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BEST DAY AT WINTER FAIR

Sale of the Prize Heifer, "Mischief E," Sets a Record Price.

A despatch from Guelph says: The sale of the grand champion beef animal exhbited at the Winter Fair, "Mischief E.," the pure Scottish Shorthorn heifer, has established a record price for Canada. W. R. Elliott of Guelph, the breeder of the champion, received on Thursday from Robert Miller of Stouffville a cheque for $600, which gives an average of sixty cents per pound live weight. Correspondingly high prices were realized for the champion dairy cow and the international grand champion wether, "Cherry," the grade cow that won the dairy test in competition with Canada's best pure-bred stock, was sold by George B. Ryan of Courtland to R. Reid & Company of Ottawa for $200, and Mr. John Campbell of Woodville, Ontario, disposed of his champion wether, conceded to be the best mutton cheep in America, to the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa. The best steer in the show was sold by John Lowe of Elora to a Toronto abattoir for fifteen cents per pound live weight.

Thousands watched the judging of the finest horses ever seen in a Canadian arena. "Macaroon," the Clydesdale stallion that won the Cawdor Cup, emblematic of the championship of Scotland in 1911, was awarded the premier honors in a class embracing several outstanding horses. It was at Stranrear, Scotland, that Mr. Hassard, of Markham, Ont., purchased "Macaroon," and the consideration was well over $5,000. As in the Clydesdales, the Percherons and heavy-draughts, brought out strong classes. The string of Percherons included seventeen horses, and the winner was declared by the judges to be Canada's best. The heavy-draughts, sleek as silk, showed up to perfection under the glittering electric lights, and a better ring would have been hard to find. Fine harness combined to make them one of the sights of the show.

PRICES OF FARM PRODUCTS

REPORTS FROM THE LEADING TRADE CENTRES OF AMERICA.

Prices of Cattle, Grain, Cheese and Other Produce at Home and Abroad.

Breadstuffs.

Toronto, Dec. 17.—Manitoba Wheat—No. 1 Northern, 90 1-2c, Bay ports; No. 2, 88c, and No. 3, 85 1-2 to 86c, Bay ports. Feed wheat, 65 to 67c, Bay ports.

Ontario Wheat—No. 2 new white and red wheat 93 to 95c, outside, and sprouted, 85 to 90c, outside.

Oats—Ontario oats, 33 to 34c, outside, and 37 to 37 1-2c, on track, Toronto. Western Canada oats, 41c for No. 2, and at 39 1-2c for No. 3, Bay ports.

Peas—No. 2 at $1.25, but offerings are nil.

Barley—Forty-eight-lb. barley of good quality, 65 to 70c, outside. Feed, 45 to 50c.

Corn—New No. 3, American corn, 54 1-2 to 55c, all-rail.

Rye—No. 2 at 80 to 81c, outside.

Buckwheat—48 to 49c, outside.

Bran—Manitoba bran, $21 to $21.50, in bags, Toronto freight. Shorts are quoted at $24.50 to $25.

Country Produce.

Butter—Rolls, choice, 26 to 27c; bakers', inferior, 22 to 23c; choice dairy, tubs, 26c; creamery, 31 to 32c for rolls, and 29c for solids.

Eggs—Case lots of fresh, 32 to 33c per dozen, and of cold storage, 27 to 28c; strictly new-laid, 40 to 45c per dozen.

Cheese—14 1-2c for large, and at 14 3-4c for twins.

Beans—Hand-picked, $3 per bushel; primes, $2.90, in a jobbing way.

Honey—Extracted, in tins, 12 to 12 1-2c per pound for No. 1, wholesale; combs, $2.50 to $3 per dozen for No. 1, and $2.40 for No. 2.

Poultry—Well-fatted, clean, dry-picked stock:—Chickens, 13 to 15c per lb.; fowl, 10 to 12c; ducks, 14 to 16c; geese, 12 to 14c; turkeys, 18 to 21c. Live poultry, about 2c lower than the above.

Potatoes—80c per bag, on track, and New Brunswick, 90 to 95c per bag.

Provisions.

Bacon—Long clear, 15 to 15 1-2c per lb., in case lots. Pork—Short cut, $26 to $27; do., mess, $21.50 to $22. Hams—Medium to light, 17 to 17 1-2c; heavy, 15 1-2 to 16c; rolls, 14 1-2 to 14 3-4c; breakfast bacon, 18c; backs, 21 1-2c.

Lard—The market is unchanged, with demand moderate. Tierces, 14 1-2c; tubs, 14 3-4c; pails, 15c.

Baled Hay and Straw.

Baled Hay—No. 1 at $13 to $13.50, on track, Toronto; No. 2, $12. Mixed hay is quoted at $10.50 to $11 a ton, on track.

Baled Straw—$9.50, on track, Toronto.

United States Markets.

Minneapolis, Dec. 17.—Wheat—December, 79 5-8c; May, 84 1-8c; July, 85 3-4c; No. 1 hard, 82 3-8c; No. 1 Northern, 80 5-8 to 81 7-8c; No. 2 do., 78 5-8 to 79 7-8c; No. 2 hard Montana, 80 5-8c. Corn—No. 3 yellow, 42 to 42 1-2c. Oats—No. 3 white, 30 1-4 to 30 1-2c. Rye—No. 2, 53 to 57c. Bran—$18 to $18.50. Flour—First patents, $4.05 to $4.35; second patents, $3.90 to $4.15; first clears, $2.90 to $3.20; second clears, $2.10 to $2.40.

Duluth, Dec. 17—Linseed—On track and to arrive, $1.24 3-4; December, $1.23 1-2 bid; January, $1.24 bid; May, $1.27 1-2 bid. Wheat—No. 1 hard, 82 7-8c; No. 1 Northern, 81 7-8c; No. 2 do., 79 7-8c; No. 1 Northern, to arrive, 81 7-8c; Montana No. 2 hard, 80c; December, 80c; May, 84 3-8c.

Montreal Markets.

Montreal, Dec. 17. — Oats—Canadian Western, No 2, 43c; extra No. 1 feed, 42c; No. 2 local white, 40c; No. 3, do., 39c; No. 4, do., 38c. Barley—Manitoba feed, 61 to 62c; malting, 80 to 82c. Buckwheat—No. 2, [illegible] strong bakers', $4.70; Winter [illegible] choice, $5.35; straight rollers, $4.95 to [illegible] Rolled oats $5; do., in bags, $2.35 to $2.40. Rolled oats—Barrels, $4.60; bag of 90 lbs., $2.20. Millfeed—Bran, $21; shorts, $24 to $25; middlings, $28 to $30; mouillie, $30 to $35. Hay—No. 2, per ton, car lots, $13.50 to $14. Cheese—Finest westerns, 12 to 12 1-2c; do., easterns, 11 1-2 to 11 3-4c. Butter—Choicest creamery, 30 1-4 to 30 1-2c; seconds, 28 1-2 to 29 1-4c. Eggs—Fresh, 45 to 50c; selected, 31 to 32c; No. 2 stock, 21 to 22c. Potatoes—Per bag, car lots, 75 to 85c.

Live Stock Markets.

Montreal, Dec 17.—Choice steers, $6.50 to $6.75; good, $6 to $6.25; fair, $5.40 to $5.85; medium, $5.90 to $6.35; butcher bulls, $2.50 to $3.50; butcher cows, best, $4.75 to $5; good, $4.35 to $4.65; fair, $4 to $4.25; poor to medium, $3 to $3.85; canners and boners, $2.35 to $2.65. Old sheep, 4 to 4 1-2c; lambs, 6 1-2 to 6 3-4c per pound. Hogs—Selects, $9 to $9.25; sows, $7.75; stags, $5 per cwt., all weighed off cars. Calves, $4 to $12 each, according to size and quality.

Toronto, Dec. 17.—Cattle—Choice butcher, $6.15 to $7.20; good medium, $5.25 to $5.75; common, $2.75 to $3.75; cows, $3 to $5.25; bulls, $3 to $5.25; canners, $2 to $2.75. Calves—Good veal, $7 to $9; common, $3 to $3.25. Stockers and feeders—Steers, 550 to 750 pounds, at $3.25 to $3.75; feeding bulls, 600 to 1,000 pounds, at $2.75 to $4.25; yearlings, $2.75 to $3.40. Milkers and springers—From $50 to $80. Sheep and Lambs—Light ewes, $4 to $4.50; heavy ewes, $3 to $3.50; lambs, $6.75 to $7.25. Hogs—$8 fed and watered and $7.65 f.o.b.

WHITE SLAVE ACT.

Summary Arrest of Suspects May Now Be Made in Great Britain.

A despatch from London says: What is known as the white slave traffic bill received the Royal assent on Thursday and immediately becomes operative. A number of notorious prcurers have, in consequence, fled from Londn. The provisions of the bill permit a constable to take into custody without warrant any person whom he has good cause to suspect of committing or attempting to commit procuration, and the person so arrested, in addition to a term of imprisonment, may be sentenced to be whipped. Men living on the immoral earnings of women are brought under the vagrancy act of 1898, and, if convicted under that act a second time, shall be liable to be flogged.

FELL 3,000 FEET.

But Prof. Wolcott Lived Seventeen Years Afterward.

A despatch from Edmonton, Alberta, says: Professor Charles Wolcott is dead here following an illness of several months. He came to Edmonton at the time of the Exhibition in the fall, and was taken ill. Professor Wolcott's death was indirectly the result of a fall of three thousand feet from a balloon in South America seventeen years ago. Practically every bone in his body was broken by the fall, and it was necessary in the operation which followed to lay bare the spinal cord for a distance of nine inches. The case attracted world-wide attention at the time, and newspapers and magazines devoted pages to the sensational fall and no less sensational recovery.

LONG WIRELESS TALK.

Operator at Sault Ste. Marie Speaks with Vancouver Island.

A despatch from Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., says: Clear communication was established on Tuesday night between the wireless station here and the station at Queen Island, which lies north of Victoria, B.C. This was not a series of disordered dots and dashes, but a clear message. Both operators exchanged congratulations and greetings. Quite recently a message being sent from a vessel in the Southern Atlantic to New Orleans was picked up at the Sault.

NOT MUCH CONGESTION.

[illegible] Handled 70 Per Cent. More This Year Than Last.

A despatch from [illegible] Alta., says: "We have handled seventy per cent. more grain to date from Western Canada this year than we did last. That looks as if the congestion this year was not so very bad." W. B. Lanigan, Superintendent of freight service on the Canadian Pacific western lines, who was in the city on Wednesday attending the session of the Railway Commissioners, in the course of an interview made the above statement.

READS BIBLE EVERY DAY.

King George Respects the Promise Made to His Mother.

A despatch from London says: King George, through Lord Knollys, his secretary, has sent a letter to the Scripture Gift Mission, in reply to one from the secretary of that organization, in which he says that it is quite true he promised his mother, Queen Alexandra, so long ago as 1881, that he would read a chapeter of the Bible every day, and that he has adhered to this promise ever since.

OVATION FOR THE MINISTERS.

The Home Rule Bill Passes the Committee.

A despatch from London says: The committee stage of the home rule bill was completed in the House of Commons late on Thursday night amid exciting demonstrations and counter demonstrations. The House then adjourned. Premier Asquith and his Ministers were given an ovation as they left the Chamber.

OVERCOME BY GAS.

Employee of Lake Superior Corporation Loses His Life.

A despatch from Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., says: Overcome by gas at the gas-washing plant of the Lake Superior Corporation on Wednesday night, George Simpson, an Englishman, aged forty, and unmarried, succumbed to the fumes and lost his life.

HEAVY MAIL ARRIVES.

Virginian Brings Out 3,168 Sacks and 2,799 Baskets.

A despatch from Halifax says: The steamer Virginian arrived on Sunday afternoon with the biggest mail she ever carried and 903 passengers. She had 3,168 sacks of mail and 2,799 baskets.

ARRESTING TURKISH LOOTERS.

This drawing of the London Graphic's artist, Philip Gibbs, shows a Bulgarian soldier making three looters hold up their hands in a burning village of Mustapha Pshha.

WIFE'S AMAZING STORY.

Planned With Lover to Marry Warwick, He Then to Murder Him.

A despatch from Moose Jaw, Sask., says: The murder of Ralph Warwick, on a homestead near Iverman, on the night of November 18, was explained on Thursday night by his wife at the Coroner's inquiry. She told an amazing story of how she and Stanley Price planned the details. Looking the Crown prosecutor squarely in the eye, she told of having met Stanley Price nearly a year ago. She fell in love with him, and six months later went to live at his homestead as housekeeper and common-law wife. She had been there a month when Price proposed she should marry Ralph Warwick, get him to turn all his belongings over to her, and make a will in her favor. To this she consented and laid her snares for Warwick. After wooing him two months he proposed marriage. She lived with her husband until he was beaten to death, but all the time kept up relations with Price. Price last week committed suicide in Regina.

ELDERLY LADY KILLED.

[illegible] Sound, Did Not Hear Train.

A despatch from Parry Sound says: An old lady about seventy years of age, widow of the late William Cornfield of this place, was killed by the Toronto train on the Canadian Northern Ontario Railway on Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Cornfield lived on Forest Street, near where the railway track crosses Forest Street, and just before the mail train was due, took the short cut to the centre of the town along the railway tracks and was overtaken by the train in a rock cut a short distance from her home. She was quite deaf, and it is thought she did not hear the train as it approached.

ADJOURN FOR THREE WEEKS.

Premier Announces Christmas Recess Dec. 20 to Jan. 7.

A despatch from Ottawa says: Parliament adjourned for the Christmas recess on Thursday for three weeks, re-assembling on Wednesday, January 8. Premier Borden on Friday night gave notice of motion to that effect.

$20,000,000 WORTHT OF WHEAT.

Three Miles of Loaded Freighters at Buffalo.

A despatch from Buffalo says: Three miles of giant freighters, their hulls filled with millions of bushels of grain, are riding at anchor inside the breakwater of Buffalo's outer harbor, forming one of the heaviest blockades of grain in the history of the port. Fifty-three vessels in this line carry cargoes aggregating 15,000,000 bushels of export grain, practically all of it being wheat. In the inner harbor are 20 more vessels, and a like number is expected from upper lake ports before the lakes become unnavigable. The total cargo value of the fleet in winter quarters here is estimated at $20,000,000. The grain will be transshipped at the rate of 500 to 1,000 carloads a day during the winter, and the remainder will be shipped by canal in the spring.

HOTELS INADEQUATE.

Dominion Travellers Call Attention of Government to Matter.

A despatch from Montreal says: A strong protest against the inadequate hotel accommodation in the Province and in Ontario was registered by the members of the Dominion Commercial Travellers' Association, at the 38th annual meeting, held at the Windsor Hotel on Saturday night, and finally a resolution was passed directing the attention of the Government to it.

BRITISH AVIATORS KILLED.

Lieut W. Parke, R.N., and Mr. Hardwick Added to Death Roll.

A despatch from London says: The fall of an aeroplane on Sunday added two to the list of fatalities of aviation. Lieut. W. Parke of the Royal navy, and Mr. Hardwick, the manager of an aeroplane company, were killed when the machine in which they were making a flight from the Hendon aviation grounds to Oxford came down with a crash on the Wembley golf course on Sunday afternoon.

There were rumors in London of serious dissensions at the Admiralty between Mr. Winston Churchill and the Sea Lords.

THE NEWS IN A PARAGRAPH

HAPPENINGS FROM ALL OVER THE GLOBE IN A NUTSHELL.

Canada, the Empire and the World in General Before Your Eyes.

Canada.

G.T.P. Railway shops will soon be opened at Transcona.

Earthquake shocks were reported from St. John, N.B., and Hamilton, Ont.

Kingston Board of Trade will consider commission government for the city.

The reciprocal trade measure with the West Indies received its first reading in the Commons.

Wright County, Quebec, has been deprived of liquor licenses by a vote of the county council.

An amendment to the election law is to be introduced to permit railwaymen to vote in special polls at terminal points.

The Canadian Northern expects to have its transcontinental line completed from Montreal to Vancouver in eighteen months.

Mrs. Henry Machin, of Fernie, B.C., aged 51, en route to England on a holiday trip with her husband, died at White River, Ont.

Lambton County Council passed a resolution favoring local option because fifty per cent. of the inmates of the county House of Refuge are there because of intemperance.

Hamilton and Brantford were in darkness and the street car and radial services were stopped on Thursday through ice clogging the Dominion and Cataract Power Companies' plants.

Great Britain.

Sir Edward Grey was not over-optimistic as to conference of powers.

The militants started a new campaign in London, putting in false fire alarms all over the metropolis.

The London Express revives the story that the Russian Czarewitch was the victim of a Nihilist attack which hes left him incapable of ascending the throne.

A letter from Sir Edward Grey was read at a London suffragette meeting, stating that the Government would support the suffrage amendment to the Reform Bill, if the House did.

United States.

Members of the Housekeepers' League of Philadelphia, sold 150,000 dozen eggs in an attempt to break extortionate prices.

Sidna Allen was sentenced at Wytheville, Va., to 35 years, and Wesley Edwards to 27 years, for murder, growing out of the wholesale shooting in the Hillsville courthouse.

General.

The tension between Austria and Servia still continues.

Captain Ackford, of the British army, has been killed by tribesmen near Shiraz, Persia.

Villagers near Valencia, Spain, set fire to the house in which several tax collectors were sleeping.

Spain has decided to increase her naval programme by three powerful dreadnoughts and several smaller vessels, and to build docks capable of taking 30,000-ton warships.

It is alleged that Black Sea Turks have been burning villages and massacring the inhabitants around Gallipoli and Lalos. In the Keshani district of Thrace 300 Greeks have been massacred.

Troops were called out in Lisbon to quell a riot caused by tenants and working people attacking a ball in which aristocratic property owners had met to protest against an increased tax on real estate.

KRUPP WAR PROFITS.

A Surplus of $12,500,000 Show by Annual Report.

A despatch from Berlin, Germany, says: The past twelve months of war, in which much-badgered Turkey has fought Italy and the Balkan States, have been a period of huge profit for the Krupp gun works in Essen. The fiscal report of the company, made public on Wednesday, showed a surplus for the year of $12,500,000. The payment of $1,250,000 for taxes, $1,100,000 workmen's insurance, and $1,750,000 for welfare work among the families of the 50,000 employees of the gun works, left a net profit of more than $8,000,000. A 12 per cent. dividend was declared, 5 per cent. added to the reserve fund, and $500,000 to the pension fund.

ROYAL GEORGE INQUIRY.

Pilot Removed for Three Years and Captain for One Year.

A despatch from Montreal says: The Royal George wreck investigation finding suspends Pilot Rioux for three years, Captain Harrison for twelve months, and Chief Officer Edwards for three months. The wreck commissioner's say in the wreck commissioner's court on Wednesday afternoon refers to the carelessness of the pilot, who, it says, had no business to be running the vessel at seventeen knots an hour at the point where she stranded without clearly knowing his position. The court was of the opinion that had Captain Harrison remained on the bridge the accident would not have happened. Chief Officer Edwards was also partly responsible for the grounding.

LITTLE HOPE FOR REMOVAL.

No Chance That English Ban on Canadian Cattle Will be Lifted.

A despatch from London says: In view of an order having been issued on Wednesday by the Board of Agriculture removing the ban on the landing of Irish cattle in England for slaughter purposes, the Canadian Associated Press made official enquiries in regard to the possible removal of the embargo on Canadian stock, and was informed that such a possibility was as remote as ever. "Before it can be done," said an official, "fresh legislation will be necessary in consequence of the measure passed in 1896 prohibiting their admission." He scouted the suggestion that there was any discrimination against Canadian farmers owing to Irish influence in the House of Commons.

CHRISTMAS STAMPS.

May be Used This Season if Put on Back of Envelope Only.

A despatch from Ottawa says: Christmas stamps issued to raise money by such organizations as the National sanitarium Association will have to be used as seals on letters, and not affixed to the face of the envelope on which the postage stamp is placed. If this rule is not observed letters bearing the special stamp may not reach their destination, particularly if they are addressed to Great Britain or other European countries belonging to the Postal Union. This announcement was made by Hon. L. P. Pelletier in the House on Wednesday.

SUICIDES IN PRISON.

Two Convicts Cut Their Throats In Maidstone Prison.

A despatch from London says: Two convicts undergoing life sentences in Maidstone Prison committed suicide in their cells by cutting their throats with a knife. The prisoners left farewell messages to relatives, stating they had taken their lives in despair.

FROM COCHRANE TO HEARST.

New Train Service Along National Transcontinental.

A despatch from Cobalt says: Temporary arrangements have been made whereby O'Brien, McDougall & O'Gorman are giving a train service both east and west of Cochrane along the National Transcontinental. They are now running a train from Cochrane to Hearst, leaving Cochrane at 9 o'clock in the morning and reaching Hearst at 2 in the afternoon, an immense improvement on the old, desultory service. O'Brien, McDougall & O'Gorman have the contract practically to Superior Junction, and it is this firm that is laying the last rails that will complete the chain between Winnipeg and Cochrane. They are making great efforts to bridge the gap by the first of the year.

FALSE FIRE ALARMS.

Only Way to Stop Them is by Granting Votes to Women.

A despatch from London, England, says: A militant Suffragette named Elsie Howey was sentenced on Wednesday to a term of two months' imprisonment for turning in a number of false alarms of fire Tuesday night. Counsel representing the Government described the defendant as "One of a band of Suffragettes who are at present trying to terrorize London." Elsie Howey informed the police magistrate that the only way in which the Government could stop the women was to give them votes.

WHITELAW REID IS DEAD

News of Decease of U. S. Ambassador to Britain Came as a Shock

A despatch from Washington says: News of the death in London of the United States Ambassador, Mr. Whitelaw Reid, came as a shock to official Washington, for it had not been generally realized that Mr. Reid's illness was of a serious nature. He succumbed shortly after noon on Saturday to pulmonary oedema.

President Taft paid an unusual tribute to the late Ambassador, and expressed his grief in a cable reply to a message of sorrow from King George of Great Britain, which reached the White House early on Sunday. The President also sent his sympathy to Mrs. Reid. Through his own personality Mr. Reid, the President said, had drawn America and Great Britain close together in friendship. The King's message said:

"It is with the deepest sorrow that I have to inform you of the death of Mr. Whitelaw Reid at noon on Saturday. As your Ambassador in this country his loss will be sincerely deplored, while personally I shall mourn for an old friend of many years' standing, for whom I had the greatest regard and respect. The Queen and I sympathize with Mrs. Whitelaw Reid most warmly in her heavy sorrow."

"Your Majesty's sad news of the death of Mr. Whitelaw Reid," replied the President, "has just reached me. Mr. Reid's death is a loss to both countries, for his services as Ambassador were exceptional in the closer friendship that he secured between them through his own personality. His intimate knowledge of both countries, his profound respect and love for Britain, entirely consistent with the highest loyalty on his part to this country, gave him peculiar influence for good in his great station. I sincerely thank your Majesty for your message and your expressions of sympathy and respect."

The Stirling News-Argus.

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Can War Be Prevented

Keir Hardie, labor member of the British house of commons, says there is only one way to prevent war and that is, when war is declared the laboring population of the country ought to lay down their tools and refuse to work. Ruskin said long ago that if war only resulted in the smashing of china and works of art in the drawing rooms, the women of the nation would speedily prevent all wars. No contest would last twenty-four hours. This is all very well to theorize, but it is the common people who are always in favor of war. For forty years Robert Walpole maintained peace in Great Britain with all the world, but the common people brought such pressure upon him that he was finanlly forced to begin a contest with Spain. When that event took place, bon-fires were lighted, windows were illumined all through Great Britain. Looking at the display, Walpole said bitterly, "Yes, you laugh now, but you will cry soon enough before this thing is ended." China is an example of a country sincerely desirous of peace, and China has been exploited by pretty nearly every civilized nation. Her statesmen have often said it was very foolish to compel her to study modern methods, she could put an army in the field that would outnumber all her assailants. In spite of all the war talk and Hague conferences Europe has lately been embroiled in one of the most deadily of wars, and the great powers have all they can do to keep their people from insisting that the conflict be made general.

A County Court Case

At the County Court in Belleville last week Mr. Warren Reid was awarded $75 in an action against James Runnels. Both parties live in Rawdon, and were engaged in drawing milk for Harold cheese factory, and on May 16th last, Reid came from the east, and Runnels from the west on to the main road leading to the factory. Runnels came in ahead and had to stop at a milk stand near the factory. Seeing Reid would pass him while this operation was in progress, Runnels as the evidence showed drew his horses across the right of way so that Reid's team collided and the harness became tangled. Reid got down and under-took to release the tangle, when Runnels came up and shoved him out of the way. Reid claimed he was struck in the neck as a result of which he was laid up and had to pay doctors' bills amounting.

Runnels then it was sworn backed up Reid's horses and went on to the factory to unload. He and his brother carried over the can which he had left on the stand.

Mr. G. G. Thrasher of Stirling was solicitor and Mr. F. E. O'Flynn counsel for the plaintiff; Messrs. Porter and Carnew for defendant.

Art and Agriculture

It was no misconception that linked Agriculture and Arts in forming one of the old associations that, in great measure, laid the foundation of Canadian progress. Art, agriculture and literature, distinguish dominant peoples. Once a year "The Farmer's Advocate and Home Magazine," of London, Ont., treats its readers to a Christmas Number, cover and contents of which this season make a rare combination of the practical, the historic, and the artistic. The charming colored frontispiece surpasses anything the paper has heretofore published, in conception, richness, and brilliance of execution. The Northland picture symbolizes the bold spirit of Canada, and Agnes Laut, an eminent Canadian woman of letters; Jas. J. Hill, the Canadian-born peer among American railroad kings; Prof. Thos. Shaw, S. B. Sinclair, Ph. D., of MacDonald College; Prof. H. S. Arkell, Peter McArthur, Prof. H. L. Hutt, Dr. C. A. Publow, A. E. Adams, members of the editorial staff, and other capable writers, contribute articles for its one hundred pages, which is much larger than the issue a year ago. The fine array of articles includes a capital report of the great International Show at Chicago, where Canadian breeders won the highest honors in cattle, sheep, and Clydesdale horses. The illustrations are in profusion, and include many fine photogravures and reproductions of the best paintings of Horatio Walker, of New York, a distinguished son of Canada; Lauren S. Harris, J. E. H. MacDonald, J. P. Hunt, Wm. St. Thomas Smith, and other noteworthy Canadian artists. Publishers and readers are alike to be congratulated upon this superb number, which subscribers old and new, receive as a Christmas compliment. Adults and youngsters will be delighted with the Home Magazine Department, in which appears a beautiful photogravure of Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Connaught, bearing her autograph.

Auction Sales

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 8.—On lot 1, con. 3, Huntingdon, the farm stock and implements belonging to Mr. Jas. Hawkins. Sale to commence at 9 a.m. Lunch at noon. Wm. Rodgers, auctioneer.

County Council

The following is balance of report for which we had not space last week:

The Superintendent of bridge construction in his report said:

"The season has been a most difficult one for construction work on account of long rains early in the summer, which raised the water in the creeks and rivers to almost flood stage and took away in several cases our temporary bridges and false work thereby retarding the work and increasing the cost. However under the conditions a large amount of work has been completed, eighteen bridges being practically completed and two bridges about half completed.

"In the case of five bridges, extremely poor foundations for concrete were found, involving much larger foundation and excavations than anticipated. Especially was this true of Shea's Bridge, where the material was practically quick sand and special reinforced abutments were put in, and at the present time there is not the slightest indication of any settlement and I am satisfied there will never be any appreciable settlement in this bridge. On account of the bad weather, it has been very difficult in many cases to secure suitable turnouts and crossings for traffic during the constructon of a bridge although precautions were taken to make every turnout and temporary crossing safe and passable for ordinary traffic. The work has been widely distributed in the county, requiring long hauls between one job and another.

Three reinforced concrete arch bridges have been constructed this year, namely Westfalls 60 ft. span; Shea's 51 foot span, and Catholic church 45 ft. span and the costs compare very favorably with the same length spans in the girder-beam type of bridge, and they are certainly very fine bridges in appearance and strength. All the bridges constructed this year, with the exception of Boldrick's, have been designed and constructed for a twenty-ton moving load, under the general specifications of the Provincial Department of Highways.

COST OF BRIDGES

"The actual costs of the following reinforced concrete bridges have been computed and with the exception of a few items which have not yet come in, are the actual costs, as compared to the estimated costs submitted at the beginning of the season's work:—

Estimated	Approx.	Actual
White's	$ 600	$ 698
Shea's	1,300	2,953
Young's Creek	700	1,017
Bell's Creek	1,300	1,854
Catholic Church	2,000	1,358
Cowpath	1,300	1,118
Bush	1,300	1,384
Seymour	500	854
Luke's	1,500	1,236
Catholic	1,500	1,359
McKenzie	500	880
Lennon's	5,000	2,886
	$20,000	$19,763

The estimated cost of the five steel bridges was $23,000, the actual cost to completion is $19,000, presented his report. The county should erect he said reinforced concrete bridges wherever practicable, even at a little greater cost, than steel bridges for the following reasons: durability (steel only lasts 50 years, repainting steel every three years and reirvetted every twenty years).

In going over our bridges and noting the rotten conditions of the bridges that are torn down I am very forcibly impressed that practically all of our wooden bridges have out-lived their usefulness and are now a menace to the travelling public and to the finances of our county as the past has fully proven in the lamentable accidents of the year 1910 whereby three lives were lost by bridges breaking down. Therefore the good work in building bridges which was the outcome of those accidents and the very able management of your committees of 1910 and 1911, should in my judgment be continued until all of our old wooden bridges are replaced by modern concrete or steel structures and for this purpose I respectfully recommend that you borrow the sum of $50,000 by the issue of debentures payable in the next twenty years for the purpose of building bridges and increasing the amount to be spent on permanent roads should you decide to do so in 1913. As the mileage of county roads has very much increased within the last 15 years, also the cost of material, labor, and the traffic have increased to a great extent, the present appropriations are not large enough to keep our large system in repair and do any really permanent work, your superintendent should get a sum of money set apart for such work and I believe the proposed sum of $50,000 together with the amount not expended on bridges this year and the one third of the cost we get back from the Ontario government on new bridges will be enough to keep our two gangs building bridges all next summer and allow about $20,000 for permanent roads."

A considerable debate took place on the clause in Mr. Gunter's report relating to the issue of $50,000 debentures, Mr. Mallory showed that the county was this year about $50,000 less well off than last year, and the council lamented the over draughts. Mr. Vermilyea contended that the term of debentures should be a longer period than 20 years as the bridges were permanent.

Mr. Montgomery said the people of Rawdon did not want the old dangerous condition of bridges to continue.

The report was received and adopted.

SATURDAY'S SESSION

Moved by Mr. Vermilyea, seconded by Mr. Maloney that the Chairman and Superintendent of roads, proceed as soon as practicable to build Fair's bridge and approaches—Caried.

Moved by Mr. Ketcheson, seconded by Mr. Fox, that the County Engineer place all original documents relating to the Dominion Government in connection with the construction of Frankford bridge in the hands of the clerk—Carried.

Bylaws to appoint auditors and to grant permission to the Seymour Electric Company to erect poles and string wires on same upon county roads were passed.

Moved by Mr. Ketcheson, seconded by Mr. Newton, that the Reeves or Deputy Reeves of each municipality in the county be a committee authorized by the county to deal with the Seymour Electric Company in the erection of poles and the stringing of wires on county roads in the County of Hastings in their respective municipalities any expense in the same to be boene by the Seymour Power and Electric Company—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Ketcheson, that the clerk be authorized to communicate with the different municipalities throughout the county asking them to co-operate with the county in sending a delegation to the Good Roads Association—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Ketcheson, seconded by Mr. McLaren, that the Finance and Public Property Committee be instructed by the council to take any action they deem necessary to recover the remainder of the indebtedness of the Dominion Government on Frankford Bridge—Carried.

A vote of thanks to the Warden was passed and the Council adjourned.

Don't Let the Bees Starve

Heavy Winter Losses Predicted Where Bees Are Not Fed

Buckwheat honey seems to be a very scarce article this fall. Dealers in this product who usually buy and sell from fifty thousand to one hundred thousand pounds every year are having greater difficulty than usual in getting their winter's supply. As bees in a great many parts of Ontario depend on fall honey for their winter's stores, this would indicate that they will also be running short before spring unless the beekeepers are careful to see that they are supplied with artifical stores. The Provincial Apiarist, Morley Pettit, gives the following directians for making feed for wintering bees:

Place twenty pounds of water in a boiler on the stove and bring to a boil, then stir in fifty pounds of best granulated sugar stirring thoroughly until fully dissolved; bring the syrup nearly to a boil again and stir in three teaspoonfuls of tartaric acid previously dissolved in half a cup of water. This makes a good thick syrup, which will make the very best of winter stores for bees.

A good colony of bees will require thirty or more lbs. of this syrup unless they are well supplied with honey. At this late date the only feeder to use for out-door wintered bees is the half gallon fruit jars. Fill the jar, draw over the top a piece of cheesecloth, then screw down the ring holding the cheesecloth tight. The jar of syrup is now placed upside down on the frames of the brood chamber so arranged that the bees can come up between the frames and suck the syrup through the cheesecloth as fast as it may, faster than it is taken by the bees. Five or six of these jars can be placed on one hive at once and warm packing placed around them to prevent the escape of heat from the colony. In a few days the bees will have taken the syrup all down and stored it in the combs when the jars can be taken off and the packing fixed down on the hives for winter.

The Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, is offering a free course of lectures on beekeeping lasting two weeks during January. Persons interested in taking this course should write to the President of that Institution, asking for a copy of the programme.

What is in "Dead" Letters

An interesting feature of the annual report of the Postoffice Department just issued is the fact that nearly three million letters, post cards, parcels, etc., were returned last year to the dead letter office. And no less than 37,641 of these contained articles of value. The dead letter branch returned nearly 600,000 letters to the writers, and 14,000 of these had articles of value enclosed.

The list of contents of dead letters, parcels, etc., covers a wide and amusing range. There were, for instance, 129 boots, 148 cakes, 3 plum puddings, 131 watches, 15 pairs of trousers, 73 stockings, 28 marriage certificates, 6 certificates of character, 1 sausage, and no less than 5,524 cheques of face values totalling $436,442.

Fifteen boys have been killed in foot-ball games this season in the United States, and a large number of others have been mained, disabled and permanently injured for life. These boys are sent to college to be educated, and they come out of it physical wrecks.

PERSONALS.

Miss Alice Rannie, of Unionville, is spending the week with her aunt, Mrs. Bissonnette.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Vandervoort left on Saturday for an extended visit with their daughter in Buffalo, N. Y.

The Misses Holden, of Vancouver, who have been attending Havergal's, Toronto, are spending the holidays with relatives in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Butler Rupert, of Wellman's Corners, leave to-morrow to spend the Christmas holidays with his sister, Mrs. F. B. Young, of Millington, Mich.

Births

FARGEY.—In Huntingdon on Saturday, December 14, 1912, to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Fargey, jr., a son.

Married

MEIKLEJOHN—RUSSELL.—On Dec. 11, at the bride's residence, by Rev. C. M. Harris, of Marmora, Irene, daughter of Thomas Wellington Russell, of Seymour township, to William Chester Meikiejohn, of the township, of Rawdon.

Attempt to Ban Treating Evil

A Calgary despatch says: For the purpose of eradicating the "treating evil," a strong movement has been inaugurated in Calgary and an attempt is being made to secure pledges from as many men as possible to the affect that they will neither treat nor be treated.

A club has been formed in connection with St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church called the Non-treating Club, which already has a large membership and those who join are pledged not to treat any man in a bar and not to accept a drink bought by any other person in a licensed place.

Father D'Alton, the parish priest, stated that in Dublin, Ireland, the idea has been adopted, with the result that liquor establishments have been decreased by fifty percent.

The local Protestant churches are also taking up the campaign.

A Des Moines man had an attack of muscular rheumatism in his shoulder. A friend advised him to go to Hot Springs. That meant an expense of $150 or more. He sought for a quicker and cheaper way to cure it and found it in Chamberlain's Liniment. Three days after the first application of this liniment he was well. For sale by all dealers.

Swamp Elm Wanted

Delivered at Morgan's Mill, Spring Brook. Good, sound, straight timber, cut 10 or 15 ft. long.
10-8 JOHN MORGAN

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As a compounder seems rather out of place, but if he does not worry much about sickness and its remedies, he finds lots of other things in our store that are surely in his line. Here in the way of presents are Fragrant perfumes, sachet powders ebony brushes, mirrors, purses, hand bags, toilet and fancy articles of all kinds.

Xmas Cards, Books and Fancy Stationery.

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The Joys of skating are never known until hockey shoes with the Lightning Hitch are used.
They are strong and durable, support the ankle and equal to the demands of Canada's National Game.

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One span Mares, coming four years old, King's Pride; 8 first class Milch Cows; 1 Bull Calf; a quantity of Hay and Millet; 1 set of light bob sleighs.

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A new house, four rooms up stairs, three rooms and a hall down stairs. A good cellar and cistern. On the east side of Henry St. For further particulars apply to
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Dissolution of Partnership

Notice is hereby given that the partnership existing between the undersigned as coal merchants in the village of Stirling has been dissolved by mutual consent. All accounts due the late firm must be paid to Peter V. Green on or before the 1st of January, 1913.

PETER V. GREEN
H. McCUTCHEON
Stirling, Nov. 26th, 1912. 11-5

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Our Stock is complete with all the latest goods in Toys, Men's and Ladies' Wear, and all other articles suitable for presenting to your friends and relatives. Come in and see what we have. It is a pleasure for us to show, as well as for you to see the many beautiful and useful articles which go to make up our stock. We have endeavored in the space below to give you some small idea of the size and beauty of the stock which we have gathered together for your inspection, but the space allowed us is too small, and the printed word is not sufficient for us to go into detail. Therefore we again take this opportunity of inviting you to come in and see for yourselves what we have.

Ladies' and Children's Goods

HANDKERCHIEFS HANDKERCHIEFS

We have over 3000 Ladies' and Children's Handkerchiefs, ranging in price from 2 for 5c. to 75c. each, in plain White Cotton and Linen, Fancy Colored and Fancy Lace and Embroidery trimmed. These make good Xmas presents and are always acceptable.

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LACE COLLARS—Newest designs, best material and workmanship, to fit both Dresses and Coats at from.....30c. to $2.50

ROBESPIERRE COLLARS—Just received a shipment of these new Collars, very pretty styles. These are the last word in Collar fashions. Prices.. .....50c., 75c., $1.00, $1.25, $1.50, $1.75 each

ROSES AND OTHER FLOWERS—These are excellent imitations of flowers, made of silk in practically all suitable shades. Sewn on pins for attaching to dress or coat lapel. Only.....25c. each

LADIES' NECK RUCHES—Latest style.....50c., $1.00 and $1.25 each

FANCY FRILLING—Our stock in this line comprises practically all shades and styles. The 'Thistle Bloom Top' is the latest Frilling. Prices.... ..... 5c. to 17c. a Frill

LADIES' BELTS—See our line of Ladies' Belts in all styles of Leather and Silk, etc. Prices.....5c. to 75c

LADIES' KNIT TIES—Tassel ends, all colors.....25c. and 50c. each

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KNIT MUFFLERS—Best quality Silk Knit Mufflers, all colors at..... .....$1.25 and $1.75 each

Good quality Cotton and Wool Mufflers, all colors, at....25c. and 50c. each

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Our stock of Toys is larger and better than ever before. We have something here that will please every child.

DOLLS, MECHANICAL TOYS, STUFFED TOYS, GAMES, PICTURE AND STORY BOOKS, DRUMS, HORNS, MAGIC LANTERNS, MOVING PICTURE MACHINES, STEAM ENGINES, TRAINS ON TRACKS, GUNS, ETC.

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GAMES—Prices.....5, 10, 15, 25 and 50c. each

STUFFED TOYS.....10 to 35c. each

GUNS.....5 to 25c.

Space will not permit us to enumerate here the prices of all our Toys, but remember you are heartily welcome to come yourself and bring any others interested in seeing the Toys.

HOUSE FURNISHINGS & GENERAL GOODS

TIEDOWNS AND EIDER QUILTS—Very pretty patterns and every one extra value for the money asked. From.....$1.50 to $7.00 each

BED SPREADS—New patterns, best qualities, from...$1.00 to $3.50 each

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CUSHION FORMS—Packed with best Vegetable Down:

18 inch square.....30c. each
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TEA COSY FORMS.....25c. each

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COLLARS! COLLARS!—We handle only the W. G. & R. make. The best on the market.

3 ply linen.....15c. each or 2 for 25c.
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TIES! TIES!—These make very acceptable Christmas gifts, and we are showing some of the finest Ties on the market in Pure Silk and Pure Silk Knit Ties at 50c. each and cheaper lines at 12½c., 20c., 25c., and 35c. each. Ask to see them.

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We insure our $2.50 Hat for 3 months against accident.

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We have a large line of seperate pieces of China and Glassware, much of it hand painted Jap Goods. Prices from.....5c. to 50c. per piece.

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Lipton's Jelly Tablets only.....8c. each
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Raisins.....3 lbs. for 25c.
Seeded Raisins.....10c. per package
Seedless Raisins.....2 packages for 25c.
Cleaned Currants.....3 lbs. for 25c.
Package Currants.....10c. each
Shelled Walnuts.....40c. lb.
Shelled Almonds.....40c. lb.
Unshelled Almonds, Walnuts, Brazil Nuts, Filberts, and and Peanuts.....20c. per lb.
Lemon and Orange Peel.....15c. per lb.
Citron Peel.....20c. per lb.
Mincemeat.....10c. per lb.
Dates.....8c. per lb., 3½ lbs. for 25c.
Oranges, Seedless Naval.....30c., 40c. and 50c. per doz.
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Butter 30c. in Rolls, No. 1. 31c. in No. 1 oblong 1 lb. block prints

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RAILWAY TIME TABLE.
Trains call at Stirling station as follows:—

GOING WEST.	GOING EAST.
Mail & Ex...6.03 a. m.	Passenger..10.17 a. m
Passenger...6.45 p. m.	Mail & Ex. 3.31 p. m

The Stirling News-Argus.

THURSDAY, DEC. 19, 1912

LOCAL MATTERS.

The service in St. John's church on Christmay Day will be in the morning at 8 o'clock, with the celebration of the Holy Communion.

Municipal nominations will be held on Monday, 30th inst. As yet we have not heard of any aspirants for municipal honors in this village. There are rumors of a contest in Rawdon.

A serious head-on collision occured at the Canadian Pacific station at Ivanhoe on Wednesday morning, causing the death of William Richardson, of Havelock, and serious injuries to engineer Trudeau, of Stoco.

Judge Deroche, who presided at the County Court and Quarter Sessions in Belleville last week, stated that "personally he was of the opinion that not a case at the sessions called for a jury, costing the county of Hastings $300 per day."

Mrs. H. S. Ferguson received word on Tuesday, that her brother, Martin Seeley, died in Rochester, on Monday. Many will remember him as a former resident of Stirling. The funeral takes place to-day. This is the second bereavement in less than three months, another brother, David Seeley, having died in Saskatchewan, on the 29th of Sept. last.

The public are asked to remember the concert in the Opera House on New Year's night, Jan. 1st, 1913, under the auspices of the Presbyterian Sunday School, Herbert W. Piercy, has been secured for the evening and will be assisted by local talent. The officers promise a first-class concert, as Mr. Piercy is known to be very excellent in both wit and wisdom. Admittance, reserved seats 35 cts., others 25 cts. The plan will be at Morton's Drug Store, and will be open on Saturday, Dec. 21. Secure seats early.

On Sunday afternoon last the Mission Study Class of the local branch of the Laymen's Missionary Movement held its regular monthly meeting in St. Andrew's church, under the leadership of Mr. E. T. Williams. Active participation in the discussions was taken by James Boldrick, Dr. C. F. Walt, L. Meikle-john, Jas, T. Belshaw, Rev. J. A. Hilts, Thos. Montgomery, T. H. Matthews and others. All felt that a profitable hour had been spent and all have pleasant anticipations of the next regular meeting, which will be held in St. John's church.

At Opera House, New Year's Night.

"Rev. Herbert W. Piercy as an interpreter of literature shows marked dramatic ability. In his presentations of Henry Van Dyke's "The Fourth Wise Man" and "The Lost Word" he interprets a class of dramatic composition not often presented in public entertainment and which is eminently suitable for either church or public functions." (REV.) J. M. NICOL, the Manse, St. Paul's Church, Wiarton, Ont.

Christmas Entertainment

We again call attention to the Christmas entertainment to be given in the Opera House on Christmas night, under the auspices of the Methodist Sunday School. The programme will be furnished by the Davies Entertainers, who come highly recommended, as the following extracts from leading journals show:

"At the recital in the Association Hall, Aylmar Davies, the baby elocutionist, established himself in the hearts of concert patrons—creating laughter throughout the evening with his excellent performance. Aylmar was encored and recalled again and again."—The Toronto World.

At Massey Hall "Master Aylmar Davies won the first prize gold medal for elocution, and gave "Bobs" in a way that showed he had much natural aptitude for expression. His extreme youth and unaffected manner made him a great favorite."—Mail and Empire.

DIED

LUKE—In East Whitby, on Dec. 17th, Eleanor Currie, wife of Mr. John Luke, in her seventy-fifth year.

The deceased was the eldest sister of the editor of the NEWS-ARGUS. She was most highly esteemed in the neighborhood in which she lived and where her whole life was spent. A little over a year ago the deceased and her aged partner celebrated their golden wedding, and a large gathering of relatives and friends met to join in congratulations. There are left to mourn their loss her husband, a son and daughter, four brothers and one sister.

For Sale

A quantity of standing wood, mostly Oak. For particulars apply to
R. N. BIRD.

Stray Dog

A large Coolie Dog came to my place about six weeks ago. The owner is requested to prove property and take him away.
JAS. H. HUBBLE.

Wanted

A first class Cheese Maker for Kimberly Factory. Apply to
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Annual Meeting

A regular meeting of I. O. F. Court Graham No. 1266, will be held in their lodge room (over Anderson's store) on Dec. 20th, 1912, for the election of officers for the ensuing year and the transaction of general business. A full attendance requested.
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13-2 Rec.-Sec.

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Three Village Lots with good house and barn on Elizabeth St. For particulars apply to
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California Navel Oranges...25, 40, 50c. doz
Grape Fruit.....3 for 25c
Almeria Grapes.....20c. lb
Lemons.....25c. doz
Cluster Raisins.....17c. lb. pkg
New Dates.....3 lbs. for 25c
New Figs.....4 lbs. 25c
Mixed Nuts.....20c. lb
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3 lbs. Mixtures.....25c
Creams, Chocolates, Fig Meats, Cream Dates, etc.....20 to 50c. lb
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Xmas Stockings for the children 5 & 10c. ea.
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3 one lb. pkgs. Seeded Raisins.....25c
Sweet Potatoes.....5c. lb
Celery.....5c. bunch
Oysters.....60c. qt
Fresh Salmon.....12½c. lb
Haddie.....10c. lb

Onions of all kinds on hand. Buckwheat and Graham Flour, Beans (clean) for sale.

Our China and Crockery is all new and up-to-date stock, consisting of Salad Dishes, Berry Bowls, Trays, Jardinieres, Fancy Plates, Water Sets, Fancy Jugs, Biscuit Jars, Bon Bon Dishes, Cocoa Pots, etc., all make suitable Xmas presents.

When you want a good cup of Coffee try our Mocha and Java and Chase & Sanborn's Seal Brand.

Produce taken at best market prices.
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What would please your father more than a good Razor, Jack-knife, Pipe, Mitts, Gloves or some useful Carpenter's Tools.

Your brother would like a Gun, Pair of Skates, Pocket Knife, Razor.

Some one else's brother would like a Safety Razor, Pipe, Tobacco Pouch, and if he has a long drive a Carriage Heater.

Sisters like 1847 Rogers Silver, Skates, Scissors, Carving Sets.

Some one else's sister would smile over Silverware, Pen-knife, Embroidery Scissors.

All kids like Skates, Hockey Sticks, Banks, Tools, Sleighs, Wagons.

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"SALADA"

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ONLY A MONTH;

OR, A CURIOUS MYSTERY EXPLAINED.

CHAPTER XXVIII.

If Roy had seemed unsympathetic as they drove home it was not because he did not feel keenly. His mind was far too much engrossed to notice Cecil much, and that, perhaps, was a good thing, for just then in her great dejection any ordinary acute observer could not have failed to read her story.

Roy slept little that night, and went up to business the next morning in anything but a pleasant frame of mind, for he could hardly resist his longing to go straight to Sigrid, and see how things were with her. When he entered the shop Darnell was in his usual place at the left-hand counter, but Frithiof was arranging some songs on a stand in the center, and Roy was at once struck by a change that had come over him. Then it chanced that Frithiof came into his room with a message.

"There is a Mr. Carruthers waiting to speak to you," he said, handing him a card; "he has two manuscript songs which he wishes to submit to you."

"Tell him I am engaged," said Roy. "And that as for songs, we have enough to last us for the next two years."

"They are rather good; he has shown them to me. You might just glance through them," suggested Frithiof.

"I shall write a book some day on the sorrows of a music-publisher!" said Roy. "How many thousands of composers do you think there can be in this overcrowded country? No, I'll not see the man; I'm in too bad a temper; but you can just bring in the songs, and I will look at them and talk to you at the same time."

Frithiof returned in a minute, carrying the neat manuscripts which meant so much to the composer and so little, alas! to the publisher. Roy glanced through the first.

"The usual style of thing," he said. "Moon, man, and maid, rill and hill, quarrel, kisses—all based on 'So the Story Goes.' I don't think this is worth sending to the reader. What's the other? Words by Swinburne: 'If Love were what the Rose is.' Yes, you are right; this one is original; I rather like that refrain. We will send it to Martino and see what he thinks of it. Tell Mr. Carruthers that he shall hear about it in a month or two. And take him back this moonlight affair. Don't go yet; he can wait on tenter-hooks a little longer. Of course they have told me at home about all this fuss on Monday, and I want you to promise me one thing."

"What is that?" said Frithiof.

"That you won't worry about this miserable five-pound note. That, if yo uever think of it again, you will remember that my father and I both regard the accident as if it had never happened."

"Then you too take his view of the affair?" said Frithiof.

"Yes, it seems to me the only reasonable one; but don't let us talk of a thing that is blotted out and done away. It makes no difference whatever to me, and you must promise that you won't let it come between us."

"You are very good," said Frithiof, sadly; and, remembering the hopelessness of arguing with one who took this view of his trouble, he said no more, but went back to the poor composer, whose face lengthened when he saw that his hands were not empty, but brightened into radiant hope as Frithiof explained that one song would really have the rare privilege of being actually looked at. His intervention had, at any rate, saved Mr. Carruthers from that hard fate.

His reflections were interrupted by the entrance of two customers, evidently a very recently married couple, who had come to choose a piano. Once again he had to summon Roy, who stood patiently discoursing on the various merits of different makers until at last the purchase had been made. Then, unable any longer to resist the feverish impatience which had been consuming him for so long, he snatched up his hat, left word with Frithiof that he should be absent for an hour, and getting into a hansom drove straight to the model lodgings.

He felt a curious sense of incongruity as he walked across the court-yard; this great business-like place was, as Sigrid had once said, very much like a hive. An air of industry and orderliness pervaded it, and Roy, in his eager impatience, felt as if he had no right there at all. This feeling cast a sort of chill over his happiness as he knocked at the familiar door. A voice within bade him enter, and, emerging from behind the Japanese screen, he found Sigrid hard at work ironing. She wore a large brown holland apron and bib over her black dress, her sleeves were turned back, revealing her round, white arms up to the elbow, and the table was strewn with collars and cuffs.

"I thought it was Mrs. Hallifield come to scrub the kitchen," she exclaimed, "or I should not have cried 'Come in!' so unceremoniously. Cecil told us you were expected last night."

"Will you forgive me for coming at this hour?" he began, eagerly. "I knew it was the only time I was sure to find you at home, and I couldn't rest till I had seen you."

"It was very good of you to come," she said, coloring a little; "you won't mind if I just finish my work while we talk?"

"I have seen Frithiof," he said, rather nervously. "He is looking better than I had expected after such an annoyance."

"You have spoken to him about it?"

"Only for a minute or two. After all, what is there to say but that the whole affair must be forgotten, and never again mentioned by a soul. I want so to make you understand that it is to us nothing at all, that it is ridiculous to suppose that it can affect our thoughts of him. It was the sort of thing that might happen to any one after such an illness."

Sigrid looked up at him.

"You take that view of it," she said, slowly. "Somehow I had hoped you would have been able to find the true explanation."

"If there were any other you surely know that I would seek for it with all my might," said Roy. "But I do not see how any other explanation can possibly exist."

She sighed.

"You are disappointed," he said. "You thought I should have taken the view that Carlo Donati takes. I only wish I could. But, you see, my nature is more prosaic. I can't make myself believe a thing when all the evidences are against it."

"I am not blaming you," said Sigrid. "It is quite natural, and of course most employers would have taken a far harder view of the matter, and turned Frithiof off at a moment's notice. You and Mr. Boniface have been very kind."

"Don't speak like that," he exclaimed. "How can you speak of kindness as between us? You know that Frithiof is like a brother to me."

"No," she said; "you are mistaken. I know that you are fond of him; but, if he were like a brother to you, then you would understand him; you would trust him through everything as I do."

"Sigrid," he said, passionately, "you are not going to let this come between us? You know that I love you with all my heart, you know that I would do anything in the world for you, but even for love of you I can not make myself believe that black is white."

"I am not reproaching you because you do not think as we think," she said, quickly. "But in one way this must come between us."

"Hush!" he said, imploringly; "wait a little longer. I will not today ask you for your answer; I will wait as long as you please; but don't speak now while your mind is full of this trouble."

"If I do not speak now, when do you think I shall be more at leisure?" she asked, coldly. "Oh! it seems a light thing to you, and you are kind, and pass it over, and hush it up, but you don't realize how bitter it is to a Norwegian to have such a shadow cast on his honesty. Do you think that even if you forget it we can forget? Do you think that the other men in the shop hold your view? Do you think that Mr. Horner agrees with you?"

"Perhaps not. What do I care for them?" said Roy.

"No; that is just it. To you it is a matter of indifference, but to Frithiof it is just a daily torture. And you would have me think of happiness while he is miserable! You would have me go and leave him when at any moment he may break down again!"

"I would never ask you to leave him," said Roy. "Our marriage would not all involve that. It would be a proof to him of how little this wretched business affects my opinion of him; it would prove to all the world that we don't regard it as anything but the merest accident."

"Do you think the world would be convinced?" said Sigrid, very bitterly. "I will tell you what it would say. It would say that I had so entangled you that you could not free yourself, and that, in spite of Frithiof's disgrace, you were obliged to marry me. And that shall never be said."

"For Heaven's sake don't let the miserable gossip, the worthless opinion of outsiders, make our lives miserable. What do we care for the world? It is nothing to us. Let them say what they will; so long as they only say lies what difference does it make to us?"

"You don't know what you are talking about," she said, and for the first time the tears rushed to her eyes. "Your life has been all sheltered and happy. But out there in Bergen I have had to bear coldness and contempt, and the knowledge that even death did not shield my father from the poisonous tongues of the slanderers. Lies can't make the things they say true, but do you think that lies have no power to harm you? no power to torture you? Oh! before you say that you should just try."

"But don't you see," he urged, "that it is only a form of pride which you are giving way to? It is only that which is keeping us apart."

"And what if it is," she replied, her eyes flashing. "A woman has a right to be proud in such matters. Besides, it is not only pride. It is that I can't think of happiness while Frithiof is miserable. My first duty is to him; and how could I flaunt my happiness in his face? how could I now bring back to him the remembrance of all his past troubles?"

"At least wait," pleaded Roy once more; "at least let me once more ask your final answer a few months hence."

"I will wait until Frithiof's name is cleared," she said, passionately. "You may ask me again then, not before."

"Sigrid," he said, "I will not urge you any more. It shall be as you wish. Other men have had to wait. I suppose I, too, can bear it. I only ask one thing, tell me this once that you love me."

He saw the lovely color flood her cheek, she turned toward him silently but with all her soul in her eyes. She loved him—he loved her with the whole strength of his being. Was it likely that a miserable five-pound note could forever divide them? Poor Roy! as Sigrid had said, he had lived such a sheltered life. He knew so little of the world.

(To be continued.)

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KING OTTO OF BAVARIA.

King Otto of Bavaria, now sixty-four years old, and known the world over as the "crazy King," seems far from death, as he spends most of his time sitting on the ground gazing into space. He appears healthy and strong, and it is believed he has still many years to live. His lunacy dates back to nearly a decade prior to the tragic death of his elder brother, Louis II.

THE BANK OF MONTREAL.

Closed Best Year in Its History.

That the Bank of Montreal is one of our oldest as well as one of our most important financial institutions, was emphasized by the fact that the Annual Report held this week was the 95th in the Bank's history. The Bank is yearly occupying a more important place in the financial, commercial and industrial expansion of the Dominion. The Annual Report presented, which covered the year ending the 31st October, 1912, showed net profits for the year of $2,518,000, which with a balance brought forward of $1,855,000 and the premiums on new stock amounting to $834,000, make a total of over $5,207,000 available for distribution. Quarterly dividends and two bonuses absorbed $1,894,000. The sum of $1,000,000 was transferred to rest account, $1,000,000 to contingent account, and $511,000 expended on bank premises, which left a balance to be carried forward of $802,000. The Bank has now total assets of nearly $237,000,000, making it one of the strongest financial institutions on the continent. During the year it increased its paidup capital to $16,000,000, increased its rest account to a similar sum, made large gains in deposits and in current loans, opened a number of new branches, and otherwise kept pace with the growing prosperity of the Dominion. The fact that the Bank made current loans of nearly $120,000,000 shows that there is a big demand in the country for banking accommodation, and that the Bank of Montreal is doing its full share in catering to the business needs of the communities where its branches are located.

The year was the first under the general management of Mr. H. V. Meredith, and the fact that the profits for the year were some $242,000 greater than those of the previous year, must be regarded as not only satisfactory to the shareholders, but as complimentary to the foresight and business sagacity of the General Manager. It is doubtful if the Bank of Montreal was ever in as good condition to take care of the growing needs of the Dominion than it is at the present time. Its increase in paidup capital and rest accounts, its gain in deposits, total assets and other matters, makes it peculiarly fitted to take a leading place in the financial and industrial expansion of the country.

The addresses of the President and General Manager were both comprehensive reviews of the financial, commercial and industrial conditions prevailing throughout the Dominion. That of the President, which referred to the Dominion as a whole, was a masterly summary of the conditions prevailing at the present time. The address was optimistic in its tone, Mr. Angus declaring that conditions throughout the Dominion were unusually sound and that satisfactory progress might be expected as long as present conditions prevailed. Mr. Angus touched upon the agricultural expansion, the increase in immigration, the growth of manufacturing, railroad development, the shipping industry, and, practically speaking, every phase of our commercial and industrial expansion.

Mr. Meredith in his address, referred more particularly to the growth of the Bank and the banking business. He touched on the forthcoming revision of the Bank Act, and intimated that there might be a few minor changes, although in the main the present Act was giving satisfactory service. He also dealt in an able and comprehensive way with the increased cost of living and the charge that the banks throughout the Dominion were not paying sufficient attention to the farming communities. He denied the charge that the banks encouraged farmers to become depositors and not borrowers, and stated that in so far as his Bank was concerned many millions were on loan to farmers and small traders.

Altogether, the addresses of the two heads of the Bank, like the Annual Report itself, were eminently satisfactory to the shareholders present, and should prove equally so to business men throughout the country as well.

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SAVED BY A HORSE.

The Animal Showed Almost Human Understanding.

Hamdanie, an Arab horse owned by Pierre Ponafidine during his travels in the Moslem East, was a universal favorite on account of his docility and intelligence. Mr. Ponafidine says, in "Life in the Moslem East," that it was a pretty sight to see him tease his groom when the man was cleaning the stables. With his teeth he would slyly undo the man's belt, extract his handkerchief from the capacious Arab pocket, or take off his groom's hat and hold it in his teeth high up almost out of reach.

Another time he showed an almost human understanding. Mrs. Ponafidine was riding him. We were returning from a ride one evening, and as we entered the town, we had to pass through an archway and then turn sharply into a narrow lane. Just as we entered the arch, with my wife leading the party, a band of children came racing down the lane, and one after the other, as they turned the corner, they ran into Hamdanie, who was cantering and, as usual, prancing.

I turned cold with horror as I foresaw the awful accident that seemed unavoidable. The wise creature understood the danger as well as I did, and in a second stopped short and threw himself back, sitting literally like a dog on his haunches with fore legs well spread, receiving one after another the children, who ran full into his arms, as it were. Hard as the position was for horse and rider, he kept it up until the last child had run round the corner into him. The little ones picked themselves up, quite unconscious of the fate from which the horse's kindness had saved them.

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PREHISTORIC BUILDERS.

Their Marvelous Skill Has Been Lost in the Ages.

How the people of prehistoric times hewed out the great stones,—larger than any that are quarried to-day,—hauled them from distant hills, and lifted them to the very top of their pyramids and fortifications will probably forever remain a mystery.

Near Cuzco, in Peru, there is an ancient Inca fortress formed of granite and limestone boulders, some of which are as large as a house, with edges as carefully trimmed and fitted as the parts of a picture puzzle, and the surfaces as smooth as on the day they were set up. The stone itself, close-grained and a rich brown in hue, must have been brought from a distance, as none like it is found near by.

The secret of this marvelous skill has been lost in the ages, but the modern descendants of the ancient builders relate legends that, to their simple minds at least, explain the mystery. Mr. S. S. Howland has told some of these in Scribner's Magazine.

The one most credited by the Indians is that far back in the mountains a plant grows, the juice of which, spread upon the surface of a stone, will cut it through as with a knife, and not deviate from the line that has been painted with it, and also that a little of this juice rubbed upon the surface will smooth it as a brook smooths a pebble.

To support this story, they declare that in the mountains lives a bird that makes its nest in holes on the sides of steep cliffs. To do this he brings in his beak a bit of a shrub, which he holds against the stone, until in a very short time it has eaten away enough rock to furnish the space required. They also insist that many, many years ago some Indians working among the ruins of Tiaguanaco discovered a great closed cistern. They forced off the lid; it was full of a thick, greenish liquid. In their anxiety to make use of their find as a place to keep their grain, they ladled out the stuff and threw it broadcast over the great stones and columns amid which they were working. What was their wonder, on returning the following day, to find that everything that greenish fluid had touched was broken and split up into small fragments.

Whether the Incas had knowledge of some such wonderful agent or not, one thing is certain—no tools or weapons have ever been discovered that have an edge capable of carving these stones.

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WOMAN SHOT AS TRAITOR.

Wife of Officer Reveals Mobilization Plan to Lover.

A tragedy in which a Bulgarian woman's love led her to betray her country and brought upon her swift retribution is told in the Petit Parisien, of Paris. According to the special correspondent of that journal at Sophia a woman of high standing in that capital, wife of a Bulgarian staff officer, was found guilty of betraying the Bulgarian mobilization plans to the Turks and was shot.

A few years ago, when she was still a young girl, she fell in love with a dashing young officer attached to the Turkish Legation at Sophia. Her parents, however, would not hear of their marriage, and when the young officer was recalled to Constantinople the girl reluctantly married a Bulgarian officer.

Some time later the Turkish officer returned to Sophia charged with a special mission, and friendship was renewed between the two. Finally, it is asserted, the Turk asked her to run away with him. "I have been ordered by my superiors," he said, "to obtain the Bulgarian mobilization plans. If I do not succeed I shall be relegated to some distant command in Asia Minor and we shall have no chance of seeing one another."

The woman pointed out that they were both too poor to think of eloping, and told him to be patient. A few days later she handed him a bundle of documents containing the Bulgarian army war plans. She had taken them from her husband's desk and told the Turkish officer to photograph them and to give the originals back to her.

When the war broke out the Turkish officer was captured in one of the first engagements and papers were found on him revealing the whole affair. He was tried by court-martial and shot. The young Bulgarian woman, though the wife of an officer, was not spared, and, having been found guilty by a special court at Sophia, was also shot.

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SCENES IN CHOLERA CAMP.

British Correspondent Describes Horrors at San Stefano.

A correspondent in Constantinople sends a graphic story of the horrors of cholera in the camp at San Stefano.

"In company of the first secretary of the embassy of one of the great Powers and also of Major Ford, I visited the cholera camp at San Stefano, ten miles from the walls of Stamboul.

"What we saw on leaving our motor car and mounting the railway embankment, which was probably thirty feet high, was an open space like a large village green or suburban recreation ground, surrounded by better class houses two or three stories high, built in the European style, for San Stefano is a summer resort of the wealthier Constantinople residents. Two soldiers stood on guard on the railway embankment, but they did not halt us. Their duty seemed to be, like that of the other armed soldiers, only to prevent those within the cordon from escaping.

"Bodies which had been thrown from trains lay as they had fallen. Some had stuck on the top of the embankment, others had rolled part of the way and others all the way to the bottom. Sometimes they were single, sometimes in groups and piles of three or four. Around a one story stable at the base of the embankment was a group of fifty or sixty dead and dying lying together.

"As we descended the embankment we approached a man on the other side of the carriage road, which ran parallel to the railway. He attempted to crawl across, but failed, fell in the roadway and there remained. Another beside the roadway raised his head and asked the motor man what his tank contained. The motor man replied 'Petroleum.' The man's head sank back to the ground.

"Several heads were then raised and several of the stronger men sat up and cried to us in the hearing of their Moslem attendant. I asked an embassy kavass to interpret. The kavass said: 'They say, "We are sick men, and none gives us water and none gives us bread."'"

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"It was loose—very loose. She had no sooner mounted than the saddle slipped and if I hadn't caught her she would have been thrown to the ground."

"I am very sorry, sir."

"But I did catch her," went on the young man, meditatively. "I caught her in my arms and—here's half a dollar for you, John. Do you suppose you could have the girth loose when we go riding again to-morrow?"

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The well-known English aviator, Cody, is making plans to take part in the flight from London to India. This event has lately been organized and is likely to be of great interest on account of the unusual length of the trip. Several important prizes are to be awarded for the flights. However, the organizers are likely to postpone the event for some time, owing to the fact that the original path lay across the Balkans.

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German Soldier's Dramatic Death.

A sergeant-major of an infantry regiment stationed in Bremen was sentenced to a slight disciplinary punishment for having mortally wounded a man with a revolver in the course of a fight. He appealed against this, but was informed that his appeal had been rejected. He then ordered his men to load their rifles with blank cartridges, but during their absence reloaded them with ball cartridges. He then drew up his men in firing line and carefully showed them how to aim their rifles straight at his heart. With the utmost calm he then ordered, "Fire!" and fell with four bullets through his heart.

Driving Out Horse Cars.

The Government of Wurtemberg, Germany, is taking steps to substitute auto-bus lines for all the horse traction lines existing in the country, and it is now engaged in drawing up the plans for the project. The department has already entered into connection with the leading German automobile constructors in order to secure their co-operation in the enterprise, and bids will no doubt be called for in the near future. At present the department has not made any definite decision in the matter.

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The retirement of Lord Knollys, the King's private secretary, is announced. As a matter of fact he resigned before the Coronation. Few people understand how really onerous have been the duties which Lord Knollys has carried out for so long. The work of the King's private secretary is never finished. It is of so confidential a nature that, next to the King himself, the private secretary knows more of the things that matter than any man in the kingdom. The confidential reports of the Prime Minister, the Foreign Secretary and all the other officers of state, as well as all social matters, pass through his hands. He opens the despatch bags and goes through the contents with the King, hearing his views, taking notes and afterward framing replies. He is thus conversant with the inner working of the machinery not only of the kingdom but of the whole empire, and has a more intimate knowledge than any one of the relations of Great Britain with other powers. Prime ministers and foreign secretaries come and go, but the King's private secretary remains. It is no wonder that Lord Knollys at the age of 74 feels that it is time to retire from such an exacting post. His successor is Lord Stamfordham, better known as Sir Arthur Bigge, who was the King's private secretary when he was Prince of Wales and who has since been associated with Lord Knollys.

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In London, England, where black fox skins are sold at auction each year, buyers from Paris, Berlin and St. Petersburg gather and pay from $1,500 to $2,000 for each good skin. But higher prices still are demanded for breeding purposes. A pair of young foxes are commonly sold for $6,000.

The home of black foxes is Prince Edward Island. Elsewhere they are raised with difficulty and at great risk. In that smaller island there are at least 500 of these animals, which amounts in money to something over $1,000,000. This island produces the finest quality of fur, as was shown by the fact that it has taken the highest price at the annual auction sale in London for the last three years.

The fact that the black fox fur cannot be successfully imitated adds to its value and the gradual encroachments of civilization is rapidly diminishing the number of wild foxes. These facts indicate that the price of these animals will remain high for many years to come.

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The Bank of France destroys old notes by placing them in a vat and subjecting them to the action of certain corrosive acids. In a few moments the banknotes are reduced to pulp. This pulp is sold to toymakers, who use it for stuffiing their less expensive dolls, so that the plaything of a child may be stuffed with what was once a fortune.

Caesar's Mother.

Caesar's mother was a "strict and stately lady of the old school, unaffected by the cosmopolitan laxity of her day." Consequently, though the Caesars were wealthy, their household was "simple and severe." Its greatest son "was always passionately devoted to his mother, who share his house up to the time of her death," when he was forty-six years old.

Unrestrained.

The mother of a three-year-old boy who was given to running away, adopted the plan of tying him to one of the piazza pillars with a long rope. He was very fond of having his mother sing to him, and one night when she was singing the old song, "Where Is My Wandering Boy To-night?" the child suddenly burst into tears and asked, "Why didn't his muvver tie him?"

Musical Note.

A gentleman at a musical party where the lady was very particular not to have the concord of sweet sounds interrupted, seeing that the fire was going out, asked a friend in a whisper. "How could you stir the fire without interrupting the music?"

"Between the bars!" replied the friend.

Putting Out a Fire.

When trying to put out a fire remember that one gallon of water at the bottom of the blaze will do more to put it out than ten gallons at the top. "Play low" is the motto to follow while fighting fire. A few gallons at the bottom of the flames will rise in clouds of steam when the fire is rising and quench it. A big blaze on the leeward side looks fearful, but play low with the water on the bottom of the fire on the windword side and you have the speediest way to quench the flames and will not require a river.

Leather Goods.

Leather goods, if their appearance is to be preserved, should not be kept in places that are too dry, as the heat will cause the leather to crack, nor in damp places that will make it moldy. To freshen leather chair seats, traveling bags, book covers, etc., that have become shabby or spotted rub them with the well beaten white of an egg.

Regulated Bakers.

Regulations in regard to bakers in France are very strict. For instance, in fortified towns they are compelled to stock a certain quantity of bread in case of war. Further, they have to deposit a sum of money in the hands of the local authorities as a guarantee of good conduct, and the municipal council regulates the price of bread.

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BEHIND PAINT AND POWDER.

Heartbreak, Illness and Worry Hidden by Actor's Impenetrable Mask.

Somehow, one seldom, if ever, associates anything heroic with the men and women of the stage. Froth, pettiness, concentrated egotism, a certain flamboyant, stagy generosity—these are the qualities which 99 persons out of 100 consider typical of the folks who devote themselves to the interpretation of the "drahmer." Of the small and even large accidents, illnesses, worries and heartbreaks no one knows save the player folk themselves and even they will not stand for a great deal of "sniveling." "Grin and bear it," seems to be accepted unconsciously as the motto of the actor from humblest super to star.

"I have seen," relates an old experienced actress, "a frail woman show the grit of a mental Sandow during a performance, succeeding in almost making her fellow-actors forget the painful scene we had witnessed when she read a telegram that day telling of her mother's death. She was playing the part of a mother in the play, and the word 'mother' was run in her ears like a tolling bell over and over again during the action of the piece. The paint and powder seemed to form an impenetrable mask except to the eyes of us who sympathized, having 'been there' at some time ourselves.

"I saw a man so badly cut on the stage in a duel scene that he fainted as soon as the curtain fell, though he gripped his rapier with his bleeding hand until he had finished the scene and did not relax until the curtain reached the floor.

"Numbers of cases could be quoted of people who suffered mental and physical pain in smiling silence in the theatre who, had they been out of harness, would have succumbed to their grief or pain. Naturally they pay for it later, but they even do that without 'grudging the throe.'

"Perhaps the most pitiful thing in that way I ever witnessed was the case of a little girl, 12 years old, who had been singing on the Australian stage seven years when her mother took her to England. There she soon became a favorite at one of the music halls, her mother always stationed in the wings during her performance. The child looked off at the end of each song for her mother's approval, for she was teacher as well as mother, and a word of encouragement or instruction was always whispered to her when she made her exit before going on for the next song. One night the child looked off as she was singing and saw her mother fall, she caught her mother's eye and went right on with her work, scarcely a quaver in her little treble voice. Then, as she broke into the dance which closed her act, she could see her mother, a limp, helpless form being carried out of the theatre. The mother had died, her last unspoken command to the child being not to spoil her performance."

The Shadow on the Eiffel Tower.

Professor Chaveau of Paris has given to the Academy of Sciences an account of a curious phenomenon which has been under his observation (as well as under the observation of meteorologists) for some time. Approximately at midday he saw one day on the Eiffel tower a shadow which projected itself nearly horizontally from north to south. The part which he designated as "the head" of this shadow was at first directed toward the tower, then it touched it in such a manner that the outline was a kind of rectangle. Seen from another point the shadow seemed to be tipped on end and to follow the length of the tower, producing the illusion of a second tower inverted. Scientists have classed this phenomenon with the well known apparition designated as "the specter of the Brocken."

Bagged the Wrong Balloon.

The advertising genius of one of the Swiss mountain hotels near Lucerne recently devised the scheme of sending out a balloon attached to which were tickets for free trips and free meals. This apparently harmless advertisement, however, had an almost tragic sequel. A number of peasants in the Wolfenschiessen valley, seeing a balloon hovering above their heads, fetched their military service rifles and opened fire on it in order to bring down the supposed free tickets. Unfortunately the balloon was a passenger one which had ascended from Lucerne. The aeronauts luckily came o earth unharmed, but the marksmen were taken into custody.

A Wonderful Voice.

Lablache had the most magnificent bass voice ever known to the lyric stage. It had a compass of two octaves, from E flat below to E flat above the bass staff. He was a man of prodigious size and strength, and his voice was proportioned to his physical dimensions. Nothing was able to overcome or drown it, and through the tones of the largest chorus it boomed out as lustily as though alone. More than once he broke a window pane by the strength of the vibrations caused by his monstrous voice.

They Pawn Graves.

In times of financial difficulties the Loochooans, residents of the southwestern islands of Japan, sometimes pawn the graves of their relatives. They are always redeemed, however, as failure to do so means family disgrace. The turtle back shaped tombs, usually located on a hillside facing the water, are elaborate affairs of stone and cement, and their cost and upkeep often bankrupt the family.

Letters.

Answer a letter the day it is received and you will experience a sense of duty well done. Delay it, and after too long a time has elapsed shame will put a stop to its acknowledgment altogether.

Latitude.

Mrs. Dashaway—Your husband complains that you never allow him to exercise his own judgment.

Mrs. Henpeckie—Nonsense! I let him sew on all his own buttons!

THE LOVE MATCH.

Famous British Scientist Says Nature's Selection Is Best.

Eugenists who would make the selection of wives and husbands a municipal undertaking were laughed at by Sir James Crichton Browne recently in his presidential address to the Sanitary Inspectors' Association at Sheffield.

"I am a believer in the love match," he declared, "not only from the romantic, but from the eugenic point of view.

"Much more precise information regarding the transmission of character is necessary before we can venture to exercise any extensive control over human mating, but even now something might be done by medical men to found moral sentiments in the community and to ensure that in connection with marriage the welfare of the next and future generations should be borne in mind. Perhaps the same object might be achieved by the removal of the powerful conventional restraints which limit the range of choice.

'In a very large proportion of marriages love plays no part, or only a very subordinate one. Rank, social influence and what Carlyle called the 'cash nexus' are dominant factors in marriage to-day.

"The marriages made under them are not, it seems to me, those which are most likely to produce favorable results in the next generation. I feel that I am on firm eugenic ground in recommending a return to nature in relation to marriage, and a due allowance for those natural forces that are perhaps more far-sighted in the future of race improvement than we are with our best scientific spectacles.

"I am not defending foolish hasty marriages, of which we have a great deal too many. The abolition of Gretna Green was a loss to the novelist, but a gain to the country.

"Love at first sight of the right kind is a physiological epoch corresponding with the installation of new circuits in the brain. It is like the quality of mercy, twice blessed. It blesses him who experienced it, and it is charged with deferred blessings for those who are to come after him."

Among other striking sentences in the address were the following:

"I cannot accept the cherubic theory of an American eugenist that all "babies are born good." Unhappily hosts of babies are born radically bad, but there are few bad babies who are incapable of being made better than they were born."

"The thorough-going eugenist, taking a survey of the large towns, would feel obliged to consign to the lethal chamber at once several millions of men, women and children.

"The sanitorium may be regarded as the ambulance that carries the wounded off the field and places them in a position favorable to the dressing and healing of their wounds, if they be healable, but it is sanitation that furnishes the guns and ammunition with which our enemy tuberculosis may be held in check and finally disposed of.

"Fresh air and daylight, to say nothing of sunlight, trickle in driblets through urban areas where they should flow in copious streams. Picturesque cottages are disguised tombs."

How the Great Penguin Hatches.

The great penguin of the southern circle, standing with its head as high as a man's waist, hatches its eggs in a peculiar manner. These are not laid upon the ground and brooded on after the manner of most birds' eggs. The female lays two large eggs. The first she hands over to the male bird, the other she keeps. The egg is held on the upper surface of the large flat feet, and is pushed up under the waistcoat of thick feathers. It is there held close to the body, whose warmth gradually vitalizes the young bird. So tenacious are the parent birds of this grip that if you knock one of them over it will fall on its back with its feet stuck stiffly out, still clutching the egg to its body.

Waste Not, Sleep Not.

"In moving from flat to flat I have seen many a strange sign posted up for the guidance of tenants," a woman said, "but the queerest of all was tacked above the gas range of the last apartment we moved into. It said, 'Please do not go to sleep while the gas range is lighted.' I asked the agent if he considered that warning necessary. He said he did.

"'Two women in one of our houses were asphyxiated in that way,' he said. 'They put something on to cook, lay down for a nap, the flames blew out, and they were done for. We don't want any more such fatalities and have posted up those signs as a precautionary measure'."

A Test for Eyesight.

An interesting test for eyesight may be had by observing Ursa Major—the Great Bear—on a clear starlit night. Not every one is aware that Mizar, the second star in the constellation, is a double star. To observe this doublet demands good vision. Some starry night look up to the sky and see if you can rest content in the knowledge that your eyesight is not defective.

Utilization of College Yells.

Farmer (whose son has been at college)—What was that howlin' you was doin' out in the grove,

Son—I was merely showing Miss Brighteyes what a college yell is like.

Farmer—Waal, I swan! College is some good after all. I'm goin' into town to sell some truck to-morrow. You kin go along an' do the callin'.

Different Noise.

Mother—Fritz, I thought I told you a little while ago not to make that noise!

Fritz—This is quite a different noise, mummy. The first was with a drum, and this is with a trumpet.

Luck May Be Unlucky.

"'Tain't allus lucky to git whut you was goin' after," said Uncle Eben. "Many a man has missed bein' arrested under de game laws simply because he were a bad shot."

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TRAGEDIES OF LONDON.

Where Women Are Found to Work For Half a Cent an Hour.

There are women in London, declares W. B. Northrop, author of Wealth and Want, who work for a farthing (half a cent) an hour. A Government report mentions the case of one woman who abandoned her work. She found it easier to starve. The tragedy of poverty in London is of the gray, somber, unrelieved kind that, once seen, drives the iron of pity through the very soul, leaving the memory seared forever.

"In the neighborhood of Fenian Barracks—one of the most appallingly dismal districts of the London East End," says Mr. Northrop, "there are children assisting their parents so incessantly that their young lives are literally being crushed out by toil. One brave little boy, aged 9, rises every morning at 4 and, after delivering a "milk round," starts out with a round of papers. His earnings on both rounds bring him just a quarter, and after five hours' work in the cheerless dawn he begins study at the school at 9. Another boy of 8 rouses 15 workmen at 3 o'clock. For this task the boy gets one cent per man, 15 cents being the total earnings for his day's work. This lad is envied by his less fortunate competitors, any of whom would be glad to get the work away from him. It may be said, without fear of contradiction, that the children of the poor in London feel the trials and responsibilities of their parents quite as keenly as the grown folks, as witness only recently the suicide of a 15-year-old boy owing to the distress of his father.

"Outside the London dock gates each morning one may witness some harrowing sights. In the darkness before dawn hundreds of men crowd together in the little courts and passages nearby, waiting for the gates to open.

"As the hour draws near, huge chains are stretched across the dock entrance, to prevent the men from 'rushing' the approaches. It is during the brief wait just before the opening that the struggle for life takes place. Serving men who have waited all night—sleeping on the pavement without any cover save what might be afforded by a piece of newspaper—will battle with each other for a place in the line. It is here one witnesses the literal application of the adage that 'the weakest go to the wall.'

"Not infrequently the walls themselves are bespattered by the blood of the toilers, who often indulge in fierce encounters for the sake of picking up a couple of hours' uncertain employment. Men will manoeuver all night for a place in the line near the gates, and finally resort to the arbitrament of the fist for the sake of the mere chance to obtain a quarter or less. For many of the men who work at the docks have families to support.

"How a man with a wife and four children," remarks Mr. Northrop, "can subsist on $2 a week—paying a dollar room rent—is one of those mysteries only the people themselves can solve. One docker's family whom I know consists of five children—two girls, aged 3 and 7, and three boys, all over 9. Every morning at 3 o'clock the eldest girl and the oldest boy walk from Newton's Rents, near Whitechapel, to a bakery near the Strand for the purpose of obtaining scraps of bread, given out by a humane baker. The two children visit also, before returning, a couple of cook shops, where they are now and again given pieces, consisting of left-over bits of meat and odds and ends of food from the meals of those patrons of the shop who have not cleaned up their plates.

"Some days the children of the dock laborer alluded to get no pieces of bread whatever. Their three-mile walk on empty stomachs in the early hours of the morning goes unrewarded. If the docker himself has been unsuccessful in his application—and upward of a thousand men are turned away each morning from the gates—then it means practical starvation for the entire family until such time as the bakery or the cook shop hands out another supply."

First Thermometer.

The first thermometer was made in 1621 by a Dutch physicist named Cornelius Van Drebbell and consisted of a tube filled with air, closed at its upper end and dipping at its other extremity, which was open, in a bottle of nitric acid diluted with water. As the temperature rose or fell the air in the tube increased or grew less in volume asd consequently the liquid descended or rose. This instrument is now known as an air thermometer, but as its measurements were based on no fixed principle it was of little use.

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STIRLING BRANCH—W. S. MARTIN, Manager.

LONDON, ENG., BRANCH, 61 Threadneedle, St., E.C. { F. W. ASHE, - - - Manager. G. M. C. HART SMITH, Assistant Manager.

Banquet to Mr. Robt. Cooke, M.P.P.

One of the largest and most enjoyable banquets which has occurred in North Hastings for some time was tendered to Mr. Robert Cooke, M. P. P. at St. Ola on Monday night.

The tables were laid, spread in the large new Orange Hall at St. Ola, the dinner being prepared by the ladies of the town. The tables were beautifully decorated with flowers and an abundance of good things to eat was provided. In a word the ladies of St. Ola are to be congratulated on the perfect service and appointment provided for the assembled guests. The serving was done by an equal number of young ladies and gentlemen.

About one hundred and fifty were present, among those from a distance being Robert Cooke, M.P.P., Lucuis E. Allen, Belleville; H. G. Bleecker, Sidney; J. A. Anderson, Cleveland, Ohio; C. Morton, Millbridge; Judson A. Gunter, J. Haggerty, M. Haggerty, A. Haggerty, Gunter P. O; F. Morton, Bannockburn; W. Dafoe, Madoc Miss Hazard, Peterborough, A. Harn and A. W. McMurray, of Gilmour.

Mr. P. P. Clarke, Reeve of Limerick Township, occupied the chair and acted as Toast Master. The toast list was a select one and was ably responded to by numerous speakers, but special mention should be made of the toast "Canada and Her Legislators," responded to by the guest of the evening, Mr. Cooke. Mr. Cooke in an eloquent manner gave a word picture of our great heritage as Canadians, and depicted as few men can, the brilliant future of our country as a part of the British Empire. The Rev. W. L. Hinton ably responded to the toast, "The Opportunities of the Church and State." Among other responses given were those of H. S. Bleecker, Lucuis E. Allen, J. A Gunter, J. A. Anderson, but one of the best toasts of the evening was that "To the Gentlemen" responded to by Miss Hazard and Miss Morton. Miss Hazard is an eloquent speaker and was listened to with greatest of attention.

Several songs were rendered during the evening by the young ladies and gentlemen. It may be remarked that this pleasant occasion was given to mark the completion of the first reinforced-concrete bridge to be constructed by a township in Hastings County, and too much credit cannot be given to Mr. Clarke, Reeve of Limerick, the members of the Township Council and Mr. Cook for the successful completion of the permanent work in the township.

The banquet closed at an early hour, and all present voiced their pleasure at being present.

Harold

The members of R. B. P. No. 268, St. Thomas East, held their annual meeting on Dec. 16th inst., and after the usual business of the evening was disposed of the Master declared all the offices vacant, and the members proceeded to elect officers for the year 1913 which resulted as follows:

Sir Kt. Alexander Martin, W. P.
" " Marshal Sweet, D. P.
" " Walter Jeffrey, Chap.
" " Wm. Martin, Reg.
" " John Tanner, Treas.
" " John R. Cooke and Wm. Courtney. Lect.
Sir Kt. Mark McMurray and Geo. Martin, Cens.
Sir Kt. E. Brown and H. Dafoe, S. B.
Sir Kt. Ernest Johnston, Purs.
" " R. Bruce, E. Tanner, Wm. Hagerman, J. R. West, F. Cooke, Jas. E. Anderson, J. W. West, Com.

After the P. C. M., Sir Kt. Wm. Courtney, had installed the officers, a short time was spent in speech making, which was very interesting. Then came the lunch which was indulged in by all, afterwards the Sir Knights returned to their several homes, each determined not to give up his Master's pass after having spent so pleasant an evening.

We wish to call your attention to the fact that most infectious diseases such as whooping cough, diphtheria and scarlet fever are contracted when the child has a cold. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy will quickly cure a cold and greatly lessen the danger of contracting these diseases. This remedy is famous for its cure of colds. It contains no opium or other narcotic and may be given to a child with implicit confidence. Sold by all dealers.

Sidney Council

Town Hall, Sidney, Dec. 16, '12.

Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—Chas. Ketcheson, Reeve; Chas. Vanderwater, John W. Hess, and George A. Rose, councillors.

Minutes of last meeting read and adopted.

A petition was presented by Mr. G. W. Casement, and 59 others requesting a reduction in the license fee for pool tables in the village of Frankford to a minimum sum of $15 for the first and $10 for the second table.

Moved by Mr. George A. Rose, seconded by Mr. Chas. Vanderwater, that no action be taken on above petition at this session and that it be referred to January council.—Carried.

A notice and plan was presented to council re application of the C. L. O. & W. Ry. Co. to the Board of Railway Commissioners for the privilege of crossing road between lots 7 and 8 in Con. 1, Township of Sidney, also a letter from the Board of Railway Commissioners acknowledging the protests of Sidney Council re the crossing of the C. L. O. & W. Ry. between lots 7 and 8 Con. 1 until arrangements are made with Sidney Township Council. — Received and filed.

Moved by Mr. Chas. Vanderwater, seconded by Mr. George A. Rose, that the Reeve and Mr. J. W. Hess be a committee with power to act re Railway crossings on the C.L.O. & W. Ry., and C.N.O. Ry. in the Township of Sidney.—Carried.

Plans and profiles were presented to Council for approval of certain railway crossings in Sidney Township on the C.L.O. & W. Ry.

Moved by Mr. Chas. Vanderwater, seconded by Mr. J. W. Hess, that plans and profiles of railway crossings in the Sidney Township as presented to Council be not approved of.—Carried.

A communication was read from Wm. Powell, Secretary of Aylmer Board of Trade re aid to good roads.

Moved by Mr. Hess, seconded by Mr. Rose, that this Council concur in request of Aylmer Board of Trade clause 1 ond 2 and that the clerk be authorized to forward same to the Provincial Minister of Public Works. —Carried.

Moved by Mr. Vanderwater, seconded by Mr. George A. Rose, that the following accounts be paid:

The Intelligencer	$66.00
The Municipal World	11.19
Morton & Herity, printing	24.95
Geo. Chisholm, sheep valuator	3.00
Can. Express Co., charges on supplies	40

—Carried.

Mr. Roscoe Vanderwater, Captain of C. company 49th Regiment, addressed council re a free site in the township of Sidney for the erection of company armouries for the 49th Regiment No. C. Company.

Referred to January council.

The following bylaws were passed through their various stages and numbered 634 and 635 consecutively.

A By-law to provide polling places and appoint Deputy Returning Officers and Poll Clerks for 1913.

A By-law authorizing the Collector to continue the collection of taxes.

Moved by Mr. Rose, seconded by Mr. Vanderwater, that minutes of December 16th meeting be now read and approved and Council adjourn sine die.—Carried.

CHAS. KETCHESON, Reeve.
A. M. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Vancouver holly is being shipped this year to all parts of the continent, and is more beautiful in color than that grown in Florida and Georgia.

The suffragettes in England have now taken to destroying mail matter, and in this way will so antagonize all classes that they will still further postpone the time when they will be granted the privileges they are seeking. A London despatch of Monday says: "The entire police force was inadequate today to protect London's Christmas mail from the suffragettes who continued their attacks on the letter boxes all day, destroying hundreds of thousands of Christmas cards, letters and packages.

You will find that druggists everywhere speak well of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. They know from long experience in the sale of it that in cases of coughs and colds it can always be depended upon, and that it is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by all dealers

Bank of Montreal

Established - 1817

CAPITAL, (ALL PAID)	$16,000,000.00
REST	16,000,000.00
UNDIVIDED PROFITS (April 30, 1912)	696,463.27

A General Banking Business transacted.

Stirling Branch
Bank Corner

T. E. BUTLER YEATS
Manager.

The Mather-Luery Co., Ltd.

CONTINUATION SALE

Another Slaughter of Values for the People--Another Tremendous Bargain Event for Everybody

The balance of our stock now to be mercilessly slaughtered during the entire month of December.

We are just finishing the greatest commercial event that has ever taken place in this County. The prices we placed on our merchandise have moved it rapidly from our building into the homes of the people; and now we inaugurate our second BIG SALE—a Holiday Carnival for all the people. We have gone through the stock re-marking and rearranging, and to move the balance of this splendid stock of High Class Merchandise will put on such a slashing and cutting sale as was never before heard of.

Below we quote a list of articles to be offered as long as they last. Come early and get the pick of these grand offerings.

Read the prices carefully, then come and see for yourselves.

The Last Lowest Prices On China and Glassware

Now is the opportunity to buy China Dinner and Tea Sets at less than import cost:

95 and 97 piece fine quality CHINA DINNER SETS, gold lined and traced, neat floral spray decoration, $15.00 value for $9.98

40 piece extra fine quality CHINA TEA SETS, values up to $6.00 for $3.48

97 piece SEMI-PORCELAIN DINNER SETS, decorated, gold lined and traced, $10.00 value for .. $6.98

10 piece TOILET SETS in finest quality, gold traced and decorated, values up to $5.00 for $3.75

10 piece white and gold TOILET SETS, $3.00 values for $2.23

Fur Prices Again Smashed

LADIES' RUSSIAN LAMB COAT—Sable trimmed, value for $50.00 ..... $25.00

LADIES' BLACK CLOTH RAT-LINED COAT—Sable Collar, $50.00 value for $35.00

SMALL FURS in Mink, Marmot, Sable, Opposum, etc., in Stoles, Throws and Caperines at ⅓ off value.

SMALL WARES

5 Skeins Peri Lustre for ..... 5c.
Silkine, spool ..... 3c.
Clapperton's Spool Cotton ..... 3c.
5c. boxes Hairpins ..... 2c.
2 packages Hairpins ..... 1c.
5c. Embroidery Silk, skein ..... 1c.
Child's 25c. Hose Supporters ..... 10c.
Colored Velvet Ribbon, 5 to 7c. values for .. 3c.

EMBROIDERIES AND LACES

5c. values on sale at ..... 2c. yd
8c. values on sale at ..... 4c. yd
10c. values on sale at ..... 5c. yd
15c. values on sale at ..... 7½c. yd
20c. values on sale at ..... 10c. yd

Children's Flannelette Nightgowns

Sizes 4 to 10, in Pink or White, 75c. values for 35c

Tremendous Bargains In Our Carpet Department

TAPESTRY SQUARES, in size 2¼ x 3 yds., $6.00 values for $3.98

TAPESTRY SQUARES—3 x 3 yds., $9.00 value for $5.98

TAPESTRY SQUARES—3 x 3½ yds., $10.00 value for $6.98

CRESSLEY VELVET SQUARES—3 x 4 yds. $25.00 values for $18.98

WOOL AND UNION SQUARES at ⅓ less than value.

60c. UNION CARPETS on sale at .... 39c.
75c. WOOL CARPETS on sale at ..... 48c.
50c. LINOLEUMS on sale at ... 39c. sq. yd.

Gift Goods for Christmas

We have many lines of goods bought for the Christmas trade now arriving. These will be marked at our cut rate prices and comprise:

Toys, Dolls, Fancy Goods, Cut Glass, China, Glassware, Lamps, Fancy and Embroidered Linens, Ladies' Fancy Collars, Cuffs and Handkerchiefs, Gents' Ties and Braces, Fancy Slippers for Men and Women.

Produce taken at full market prices. Bring yours along and get the benefit of our cut rate prices on Christmas groceries.

THE MATHER-LUERY CO., LTD.

HOME

Serving the Apple.

Apple Custard.—Take apples of medium size and rather mellow. Pare, core and bake until tender in a slow oven. Press through a sieve. To each cupful of apple pulp add a half cupful of cream, two level tablespoonfuls of sugar, lump of butter size of an egg and two stiffly beaten eggs. Put the butter in the apple pulp while it is still hot. Heat the sugar until it is a syrup and add first the yolks of the eggs, then the cream and beat all strongly. Pour into buttered cups and bake in a moderate oven for 15 minutes. Remove from the oven and quickly pour over it the stiffly-beaten whites of the eggs, return to the oven to brown. When cold set in the ice box. Serve with cream.

Apple Custard Pie.—Strain apple sauce and beat smooth. To each cupful add a half cupful of cream and two stiffly beaten eggs. Beat in half a cupful of sugar, and flavor with vanilla and nutmeg. Bake with under crust and put a thick meringue on top.

Ginger Apples.—Pear and core some good apples, greenings or pippins. Fill the cavity in the centre of each apple with a spoonful of chopped preserved ginger. Stand them on a baking-dish that is not tin, and pour over them a syrup made either of sugar and water flavored with lemon and with a piece of dried ginger cooked in it, or if there is enough ginger syrup this may be used with the addition of a little water. Bake until soft and transparent but not broken, basting occasionally with the syrup. Serve hot or cold with a little whipped cream garnished with some pieces of ginger.

Porcupine Apples. — Pare and core the apples, and make a syrup by boiling sugar and water in equal parts. As soon as the fruit is pared, before it is discolored by standing, immerse it in the syrup and cook until it is easily pierced with a straw. Then take out the apples and ornament the sides of each by sticking blanched half almonds in all around. Fill the centres with jelly, preserved fruit or marmalade and serve hot or cold with cream. With the remaining syrup and the skins and cores, apple jelly may be made.

Apple Snow—Stew or steam three large apples, cored and quartered, but not pared, drain them and rub through a fine sieve. Beat the whites of three eggs stiff and add half a cupful of powdered sugar and heat again; now add the apples and beat until like snow. Pile lightly in a glass dish, garnish with jelly around the edge and serve with cold boiled custard made with the yolks of the three eggs that were left.

Apple Pudding.—For this pudding you will need one quart of flour, one pint of milk, one pint of chopped apples, one saltspoonful of salt, two tablespoonfuls of butter and three teaspoonfuls of baking powder. Make a dough of the flour, milk, butter, baking powder and salt. Roll out in the board and spread with the apples, roll over and over, pinching the sides and ends. Place in a baking pan with one-half cupful of butter, two cupfuls of sugar and three pints of water. Bake an hour and a half. It makes its own sauce.

Apple Charlotte.—Line a mold with lady fingers or sponge cake. Soak a third of a box of gelatin in a third of a cupful of water (cold) until soft. Pour over it a third of a cupful of boiling water and stir till dissolved. Add one cupful of sugar and the juice of a lemon together with a cupful of sour apple sauce drained dry and put through a sieve. Cool in a pan of cracked ice and when the jelly begins to harden, beat until light. At the last add three whites of eggs well beaten, and then beat all together until stiff. Pour into a mold and when cold and stiffened turn out on a platter and serve with a sauce made from the yolks of the eggs, a pint of milk and sugar to sweeten. Boil like a custard.

Apple Dumplings.—Make a rich biscuit and separate it into as many parts as there are dumplings to be made. Roll each piece into a round big enough to cover an apple and put into it a peeled and cored apple. Then bring the sides of the paste around the apples, pinch them into shape and steam or bake. The above may be added to by a mixture of raisins and nuts or with jelly. Two cupfuls of flour will make two dumplings.

Deep Dish Apple Pie.—Use a pudding dish of crockery or enamelware and place a teacup without a handle upside down, in the centre of the dish. Cut up some apples rather fine and heap up the dish until a little above the cup. Sprinkle a few raisins over the top, sweeten and add some spice, either nutmeg or cinnamon, and put little pieces of butter all about the top and a little water. Cover the entire top of the dish with crust and cut slits or prick holes at intervals in the crust. Do not remove the cup until the pie is served at the table, when you can insert the blade of a knife under the edge of the cup, which will allow the air to go in and release the juice of which you will find you have a cupful, and the fruit will be deliciously steamed. This kind of a pie will not hurt the digestion of anyone; and it should be eaten cold.

Home Hints.

A veil rolled each time it is taken off will keep neat much longer than when folded; gloves pulled out and smoothed will wear twice as long as if they were crushed and tossed into a drawer.

A piece of rubber may be cut more easily if the scissors or knife used be wet first.

Drop a few small nails in the bottle of ink. The acid in the ink will then exhaust itself upon the nail's, and the pens will not corrode.

Mayonnaise dressing will separate when too much salt has been added to the egg yolks, or when the oil has been dropped too fast, or if the ingredients are not thoroughly chilled when used.

If a spoonful of borax is put into the last water in which white clothes are rinsed it will whiten them very much. The borax should be dissolved in a little hot water before it is added to the rinsing water.

When it is necessary to measure any liquid by the drop one may dispense with the pipette. Cut a small notch at the edge of the cork, just large enough for a drop to come through at a time; push the cork in tight and pour.

The cleaning of feather pillows is not a task to be dreaded. Place a couple of pieces of board across four tin coffee cans and set in the bottom of the boiler. Put three inches of water in the boiler, place the pillows on the board, cover the boiler, and let the pillows steam for an hour and dry in the sun.

For removing old paint make a lye with one can of potash and half a gallon of water, apply with an old paint brush and do not touch with the hands, as it will burn. Wash off and dry well.

For bruised furniture wet the part with warm water, double a piece of brown paper five or six times, soak it in warm water, lay it on the place, apply on that a warm flat-iron till the moisture is evaporated. If the bruise is not gone repeat.

To remove perspiration stains from silk waists sponge the place over your hand with a clean white rag wet in clear water; then cover completely with powdered prepared chalk. Let it dry thoroughly and brush off carefully with a soft brush.

For sore throat get one teaspoonful of common baking soda, dissolve it in a glass of hot water and gargle three times a day. It is also a good preventive. Do this once or twice a week and you will not contract any complaint that may be in your locality.

CARRIAGE FACTORIES, LTD.

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FIRST MORTGAGE BONDS

ASSETS:

Net Assets	$2,075,000
Bond Issue	500,000
	$1,575,000

EARNINGS:

Earnings, 1911	$152,465
Bond Interest Charges	30,000
	$122,465

SUMMARY:

Bond Issue, 24 p. c. of Assets.

Bond Interest Earned 5 Times.

WRITE FOR PARTICULARS

J. A. MACKAY & COMPANY LIMITED

Royal Bank Building, TORONTO

H. B. HOUSSER, Manager.

Guardian Building, MONTREAL

CHANGES IN THE IMPERIAL NAVY.

Prince Louis.

Sir F. B. Bridgeman.

Prince Louis of Battenburg has been appointed First Sea Lord of the British fleet, succeeding Sir Francis Bridgeman, who retires because of illness.

TORONTO CORRESPONDENCE

INTERESTING BITS OF GOSSIP FROM THE QUEEN CITY.

Two Noted Temperance Reformers—The Champion "Marrying Minister"—Professor A. B. Macallum.

Two of the most unusual men in Toronto are the Spence brothers, Francis S. and Ben H. Their business is fighting the liquor traffic. It furnishes food for speculation as to what would have happened the Temperance movement in Ontario had it not been for the presence of the Spence family and also what will happen to it when they have been removed from the sphere of action.

The first week of January is, under the present arrangements, their annual harvest, for on the Municipal election days a goodly number of Local Option contests are, each year, to the front. This year there are to be 80 of them, involving 274 licenses. The contests are in municipalities ranging from a big city like Peterboro' to the sparsely settled township with its one lone hotel. In 8 years, under the leadership of the Spence brothers, 293 municipalities have carried local option and 741 bars have been cut off. Of the 828 municipalities in the province, 463 are now under local option and 365 retain the license system.

Began as School Teacher.

F. S. Spence has devoted practically all his life to temperance reform and municipal politics. It is true he started out as a school teacher, teaching at Lundy's Lane and Prescott, afterwards coming to Toronto, where he became principal of a large school. But when the Dominion Alliance was organized by some 16 members of Parliament in 1875 F. S. Spence had already made such a reputation as a temperance advocate that he became almost its first secretary and has remained such until this day. He has been editor of various temperance publications of which the present day representative is the "Pioneer," and the list of offices he has held in connection with various temperance organizations and campaigns would fill half a column.

In recent years he has devoted a great of time to municipal affairs. Six times he has been elected as Alderman, and six times as a member of the Board of Control. Twice he has been an unsuccessful candidate for the Mayoralty, and although he is recognized as perhaps the most intelligent critic of municipal affairs in the city to-day, it is doubtful if he will ever attain the Chief Magistrate's position. His work for the Hydro Electric project, the Harbor Commission, and for various other phases of municipal progress stamp him as one of the most useful servants the city has ever had. At the same time his chances of success in any contest are nearly always doubtful. He does not make friends easily and is somewhat austere in his manner to strangers. He retains, too, the air of the school master, didactic, but not always sympathetic. To many his most human trait will be the fact that he smokes.

Another Crusader.

His brother, Rev. Ben. H. Spence, is not so well known, but since 1906, when he succeeded F. S. as Secretary of the Ontario Branch of the Dominion Alliance, he has by his energy and enthusiasm, shown that the spirit of the crusaders is by no means monopolized in the Spence family by Frank S. He has been described as "a temperance enthusiast with a long paper knife spearing fat saloon keepers!" In early life he went into the ministry, where he served until appointed to his present position.

A Record in Marrying.

The record as the "marrying minister" in Toronto is this year held by Rev. John D. Morrow, the somewhat eccentric minister of Dale Presbyterian Church, who has come into prominence in other respects by his records as a sprinter and supporter of athletics, by his work among habitues of the Police Courts, and for his campaign for a new $80,000 church edifice.

Mr. Morrow has married over 300 lovelorn couples, an average of one for every week day in the year. In some quarters there is a disposition to criticize him on the ground that many of his marriages ought not to be performed. But as he does not issue the licenses the responsibility is not altogether his. At all events his record far outdistances those of all competitors. Canon H. C. Dixon, at Trinity Church, in the heart of a great population of newly-arrived English immigrants of the poorer class, runs second with about 140 for the year. Others who have been favorites with the matrimonally inclined are Rev. A. L. Geggie, of the Presbyterians and Rev. C. O. Johnston, the Methodist divine, who attained prominence by his attacks on Roman Catholics.

The distinction of being favorite in the marrying line is subject to fluctuation. Rev. Alex Williams, whose Anglican church [illegible] lose to down town Yonge Street, used to lead all others, but his district has changed, and he is now down to fourt[illegible] fifth place.

University and Atheism.

The stormy petrel of University affairs is Professor A. B. Macallum. There was great excitement when his name was proposed for membership in the Academy of Medicine and much satisfaction in certain quarters when he was blackballed, although scholastically and intellectually Professor Macallum has few equals in Canada. He is a member of the leading medical and scientific associations of the world and has literally scores of degrees and honors.

As often happens, however, in the case of a man with a strong personality, Professor Macallum has made many bitter enemies. One class of these include a number of medical men who are dissatisfied with his policy and actions in the administration of the General Hospital. Another class are personal friends of a prominent surgeon whom it is alleged Professor Macallum attempted to injure many years ago.

Now the Catholic Register attacks Professor Macallum, whose department is the natural sciences with particular reference to Physiology, as being a "half-baked atheist" and for destroying the religious beliefs of the minds of the students. The attack is hotly denied by the students' publication, which points out that since the coming of President Falconer, who is a prominent Presbyterian Divine, the tone and character of University men has steadily risen. It is declared that far from the University being a "hotbed of atheism" there are no atheists there at all, except possibly a few isolated individuals, in whose cases it will pass off like the measels.

LIME THAT BURNS ITSELF.

Said to Have Become Impregnated with Petroleum.

A traveller in the Holy Land is said to have recently discovered a species of combustible limestone, which makes an excellent plaster after it has been burned and air-slaked and is produced cheaply.

The stone is of a grayish-black color and is found between ordinary limestone in a regular stratum. It is easily quarried, being rather soft, and has a peculiarly strong odor of kerosene.

The people break the stone into small pieces and fire it into a kiln of rough construction built of stones against a wall. Holes are left in the sides of the kiln, through which tufts of straw are stuck. These tufts are lighted with flint and steel and the lime ignites and burns itself.

It requires twelve hours to burn a kiln, and then it is found that all of the rock, except that at the top and some around the sides, has been thoroughly burned.

The lime produced is of a good white color. It burns with a black smoke and an odor similar to that of petroleum. When cool it is air-slaked and screened. The self-burning quality is accounted for by the supposition that the limestone has become impregnated with petroleum in the earth.

GILLETT'S PERFUMED LYE

FOR MAKING SOAP, SOFTENING WATER, REMOVING PAINT, DISINFECTING SINKS. CLOSETS, DRAINS, ETC.

SOLD EVERYWHERE

REFUSE SUBSTITUTES

Old Furniture.

Most of us have some old furniture with which we would not willingly part. It is not the intrinsic value of the tables and chairs which makes them dear to us, but the old associations which cluster about them. Forms and faces rise before us when we see the time-worn articles, faces which beamed upon us in byegone days, and forms which have long since passed to the world of shadows. The pleasure of the possession of such relics is not unmixed. Often it is nearer pain than pleasure, and ever it has an undertone of sorrow, for they tell us how short is the span of even the longest life, how things temporal outlive their owners, and whisper, often to an inattentive ear, that the day must come when we, too, shall part from our earthly belongings and the place which knew us once shall know us no more forever.

"How old are you, Ethel?" "I'm five, an' mamma says if I'm good an' eats lots o' oatmeal I'll be six next birthday."

Mr. Newlywed — Doesn't this omelet seem—er—rather tough, my dear? Mrs. Newlywed—I don't see why it should, darling. I'm sure I ordered the very best egg coal the dealer had to cook it with.

FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL STATEMENT

of

The Royal Bank of Canada

LIABILITIES

TO THE PUBLIC:	November 30, 1912
Deposits bearing interest	$100,663,364.59
Deposits not bearing interest	36,058,812.94
Interest accrued on deposits	749,739.56
Deposits by other Banks in Canada	419,750.63
Total Deposits	$137,891,667.72
Notes of the Bank in Circulation	12,584,617.69
Balances due to Banks in Foreign Countries	1,524,415.60
Bills Payable (Acceptances by London Branch) £439,113.3.10	2,137,017.54
	$154,137,718.55
TO THE SHAREHOLDERS:	
Capital Paid-up	$ 11,560,000.00
Reserve Fund	12,560,000.00
Dividend No. 101 (at 12% per annum)	341,613.32
Former Dividends Unclaimed	1,206.85
Balance of Profits carried forward	610,219.36
	$179,210,758.08

ASSETS

Gold and Silver Coin	$ 5,204,964.22
Dominion Government Notes	14,443,785.25
Deposit with Dominion Government for security of Note Circulation	578,000.00
Notes of and Cheques on other Banks	9,769,273.06
Balances due from other Banks in Canada	122,482.32
Balances due from Agents in United Kingdom and Banks in Foreign Countries	3,665,037.01
Government and Municipal Securities	3,950,698.14
Railway and other Bonds, Debentures and Stocks	11,715,900.[illegible]
Call and Short Loans on Stocks and Bonds in Canada	9,422,451.90
Call and Short Loans on Stocks and Bonds in Foreign Countries	14,556,189.97
	$ 73,428,782.49
Loans to Provincial Governments	185,488.77
Current Loans and Discounts, less rebate interest reserved	99,828,879.54
Overdue Debts (Loss provided for)	246,816.20
Bank Premises	5,520,791.08
	$179,210,758.08

CONTINGENT LIABILITIES:

Acceptances under Commercial Letters of Credit... £88,186.13.5

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

For The Eleven Months Ending 30th November, 1912

By Balance, 30th December, 1911	$ 401,480.56
Net Profits for Eleven Months ending 30th November, 1912, after deducting Charges of Management, Accrued Interest on Deposits, Full Provision for all Bad and Doubtful Debts and Rebate of Interest on Unmatured Bills and General Bonus granted to the Staff	$1,527,324.77
Premium on new Capital Stock	5,503,812.00
	$7,432,617.33
To Dividends Nos. 98, 99, 100 and 101, at 12% per annum	$ 943,585.97
Officers' Pension Fund	75,000.00
Written off Bank Premises Account	300,000.00
Transferred to Reserve Fund	5,503,812.00
Balance carried forward	610,219.36
	$7,432,617.33

RESERVE FUND

By Balance at Credit, 30th December, 1911	$7,056,188.00
Premium on new Capital Stock	5,503,812.00
	$12,560,000.00

Net Profits for the Eleven Months of 1912 the Average Paid-up Ca[illegible] $8,680.756.—19.19%.

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TUBERCULOSIS SERUM TEST

Dr. Friedman Shows His Alleged Cure to Many Eminent Physicians and Scientists

A despatch from Berlin says: Dr. Hermann Friedmann, who says he has discovered a preventive and cure for tuberculosis, on Tuesday opened his first institute for demonstration. Personally he inoculated with his serum several patients, women, children and men, in the presence of eminent physicians and scientists from Berlin, London, Paris and other cities of Europe and America. Dr. Friedmann still refuses to give out any of his serum, saying that from a tiny drop of it a bacteriologist could propagate enough of the bacilli to supply the world. Dr. Friedmann's small quarters were swamped by patients, physicians and scientists. The physicians numbered more than fifty. Dr. Friedmann told all the patients and their physicians that results from his serum begin to show in most cases within five weeks.

THE NEWS IN A PARAGRAPH

HAPPENINGS FROM ALL OVER THE GLOBE IN A NUTSHELL.

Canada, the Empire and the World in General Before Your Eyes.

Canada.

The House of Commons adjourned for the Christmas recess.

The owners of La Patrie of Montreal deny that the paper is for sale.

The C.P.R. will double the track between London and Woodstock.

Lawrence Fortescue, I.S.O., will probably succeed Col. Fred White as comptroller of the N.W.M.P.

A St. John, N.B., nail works will erect a plant at Fort William to cost $500,000, and to employ 200 men.

A delegation which asked Government aid for a Provincial highway from Toronto to Hamilton failed to get encouragement.

Montreal's civic revenue for 1913 will be $10,300,000, or approximately two and a quarter milions of dollars better than last year.

The C.N.R. will pay $1,000 to the Norwegian owners of the str. Gladstone, for prior use of the Halifax drydock for the Royal George.

The Hamilton M.O.H. reports that 5,000 persons have been vaccinated at a cost of $1,100, and that 56 smallpox cases have been reported.

The sending of a fifteen-year-old Toronto lad to the penitentiary to serve three years for theft has caused a good deal of comment. The Kingston Children's Aid Society will take the matter up.

Great Britain.

It cost the British Board of Trade $101,155 to conduct the Titanic inquiry.

Three London suffragettes were arrested the other night for postal box outrages and another for sending in a false fire alarm.

United States.

Police Inspector Geo. McCluskey of New York is dead after thirty years in the department.

The steamer Arabic sailed from Boston the other day with but two people occupying saloon quarters, although the boat has accommodation for 300.

Woodrow Wilson, addressing the Southern Society of New York, promised a "gibbet as high as Haman's" for those who might deliberately start a financial panic consequent upon the introduction of Democratic policies.

General.

A secret society for smuggling Chinese into Australia has been discovered.

It was reported that Austria and Servia had effected a settlement of the dispute in Albania.

The Manchu dowager-Empress offered to hand over to the Chinese Government the Forbidden City.

It is estimated that in the important wars of the last fifty years 2,313,000 men have perished.

CAN FIGHT FOR SIX MONTHS.

Bulgarian Finance Minister Says He Has Plenty of Funds.

A despatch from Sofia says: The Finance Minister on Wednesday declared the report of Bulgarian financial difficulties unfounded. He said that Bulgaria was in a position to continue the war for three, even six months. Parliament passed the first reading of the bill providing an extraordinary credit of $10,000,000 for army purposes. The Government has introduced a bill providing for the postponement of the municipal elections until 30 days after demobilization.

PREMIER GOES TO HOT SPRINGS

With Mrs. Borden Will Spend Recess in Virginia.

A despatch from Ottawa says: Premier Borden will find rest from the worries of office during the Christmas recess at Hot Springs, Virginia, where he will play golf and forget for a time the responsibilities of his position as Premier. The Premier and Mrs. Borden left this morning.

PRICES OF FARM PRODUCTS

REPORTS FROM THE LEADING TRADE CENTRES OF AMERICA.

Prices of Cattle, Grain, Cheese and Other Produce at Home and Abroad.

Breadstuffs.

Toronto, Dec. 24.—Flour—Ontario wheat, domestic lots, $4 to $4.10 at mills. Manitoba—First patents, in jute bags, $5.30; second patents, in jute bags, $4.80; strong bakers, in jute bags, $4.60.

Manitoba wheat—No. 1 Northern quoted at 91 1-2c, bay ports; No. 2, 89c, and No. 3, 86 1-2c, bay ports. Feed wheat, 65 to 66c, bay ports.

Ontario wheat—No. 2 new white and red wheat, 91 to 92c, outside, and sprouted, 88 to 89c.

Oats—Ontario oats, 33 to 34c, outside, and 37 1-2c on track, Toronto. Western Canada oats quoted at 41c for No. 2, and at 39 1-2c for No. 3, Bay ports.

Peas—No. 2 at $1.20.

Barley—Forty-eight-lb. barley of good quality, 60 to 62c, outside. Feed, 40 to 50c.

Corn—New No. 3 American corn, 64 1-2 to 65c, all-rail.

Rye—No 2, at 75 to 76c, outside.

Buckwheat—48 to 49c, outside.

Bran—Manitoba bran, $26, in bags, Toronto freight. Shorts, $28 to $28.50.

Country Produce.

Butter—Rolls, choice, 26 to 27c; bakers', inferior, 22 to 23c; choice dairy, tubs, 26c; creamery, 31 to 32c, for rolls, and 2-c for solids.

Eggs—Case lots of fresh, 32 to 33c per dozen, and of cold storage, 27 to 28c; strictly new-laid, 40c per dozen.

Cheese—14 1-2c for large and at 14 3-4c for twins.

Beans—Hand-picked, $3 per bushel; primes, $2.50, in a jobbing way.

Honey—Extracted, in tins, 12 to 12 1-2c per pound for No. 1, wholesale; combs, $2.-50 to $3 per dozen for No. 1, and $2.-0 for No. 2.

Poultry—Well-fatted, clean, dry-picked stock was quoted as follows:—Chickens, 13 to 15c per lb; fowl, 10 to 12c; ducks, 14 to 16c; geese, 12 to 14c; turkeys, 18 to 21c. Live poultry, about 2c lower than the above.

Potatoes—Good stock, 80c per bag, on track, and New Brunswick, 90 to 9.c per bag.

Provisions.

Bacon—Long clear, 15 1-4 to 15 1-2c per lb, in case lots. Pork—Short cut, $26 to $27; do., mess, $21.50 to $22. Hams—Medium to light, 17 to 17 1-2c; heavy, 15 1-2 to 16c; rolls, 14 1-2 to 14 3-4c; breakfast bacon, 18c; backs, 21 1-2c.

Lard—Tierces, 14 1-2c; tubs, 14 3-4c; pails, 15c.

Baled Hay and Straw.

Baled Hay—No. 1 at $13.50 to $14, on track, Toronto; No. 2, $12. Mixed hay, $10.50 to $11 a ton, on track.

Baled Straw—The market is quiet, with prices of good straw at $9.50, on track, Toronto.

Montreal Markets.

Montreal, Dec. 24.—Corn, American No. 2 yellow, 70c. Oats, Canadian Western, No. 2, 43 to 43 1-2c; extra No. 1 feed, 42 1-2 to 43c; No. 2 local white, 41c; No. 3 local white, 40c; No 4 local white, 39c. Barley, Man. feed, 61 to 62c; malting, 76 to 78c. Buckwheat, No. 2, 56 to 60c. Flour, Man., Spring wheat patents, firsts, $5.40; seconds, $4.90; strong bakers', $4.70. Flour, Winter patents, choice, $5 35; straight rollers, $4.95 to $5; straight rollers, bags, $2.35 to $2.40. Rolled oats, barrels, $4.60; bags, 90 lbs., $2.20. Bran, $21. Shorts, $23. Middlings, $28 to $30. Mouillie, $30 to $35. Hay, No 2, per ton car lots, $13.50 to $14. Cheese, finest westerns, 13 to 13 1-4c; finest easterns, 12 1-4 to 12 1-4c. Butter, choicest creamery, 30 1-2c; seconds, 27 to 28c. Eggs, fresh, 55 to 60c; selected, 31 to 33c; No. 2 stock, 21 to 22c. Potatoes, per bag, car lots 75 to 90c.

United States Markets.

Duluth, Dec. 24.—Wheat—No. 1 hard, 87 7-8c; No. 1 Northern, 82 7-8c; No. 2 do., 80 7-8c; July, 87 3-8c; December, 81 7-8c bid; May, 85 7-8 to 86c. Linseed, on track and to arrive, $1.24 1-2; December, $1.24; January, $1.24 1-4 bid; May, $1.27 1-2.

Minneapolis, Dec. 24.—Wheat—Dec., 81 1-4 to 81 3-8c; May, 85 3-4 to 85 7-8c; July, 87 1-2c. No. 1 hard, 83 7-8c; No. 1 Northern, 82 to 83 3-4c; No. 2 do., 80 to 81 3-8c. Corn—No. 3 yellow, 41 1-2c. Oats—No. 3 white, 30 1-2c. Rye—No. 2, 53 to 57c. Bran—$18 to $18.50. Flour—First patents, $4.05 to $4.35; second patents, $3.90 to $4.15; first clears, $2.-90 to $3.20; second clears, $2.10 to $2.40.

Live Stock Markets.

Montreal, Dec. 24.—Best steers, $6.50, and sales of other grades were made from that down to $4 per cwt., while cows brought from $3 to $5.50, and bulls from $2.80 to $3.50 per cwt., as to quality. Sales of lambs were made at $7 to $7.25, and good at $6.75 per cwt. Sheep, firm at $4.60 to $5 per cwt. Calves from $3 to $12 each, as to size and quality. Sales of selected lots of hogs were made at $8.75 to $8.90, and in a few odd instances as high as $9 to $9.25 was realized for a few small choice lots, weighed off cars.

Toronto, Dec. 24.—Cattle—Choice butcher, $6 to $6.50; good medium, $5.75 to $5.75; common, $2.75 to $3.75; cows, $3 to $5.25; bulls, $3 to $5.25; canners, $2 to $2.75. Calves—Good veal, $7 to $9; common $5 to $7.25. Stockers and Feeders—Steers, 700 to 750 pounds, at $5.25 to $5.50; feeding bulls, 600 to 1,000 pounds, at $2.75 to $4.25; yearlings, $3.10 to $3.50. Milkers and Springers—From $50 to $80. Sheep and Lambs—Light ewes, $4 to $4.50; heavy ewes, $3 to $3.50; lambs, $6.75 to $7.25. Hogs—$8.10 fed and watered and $7.75 f.o.b.

TRAINMAN KILLED.

And Engineer Received Broken Leg and Internal Injuries.

A despatch from Sudbury says: Xavier Pacaud, brakeman, of North Bay, killed, and Engineer Thomas, of North Bay, leg broken and internal injuries, is the casualty list following a derailment one mile this side of Byng Inlet at 8 o'clock on Wednesday morning on the Sudbury-Toronto line of the C.P.R. An engine, tender and van were proceding backwards to Sudbury, the derailment taking place on a bridge and all except the van going over. Brakeman Pacaud was riding on the tender and was instantly killed.

FROM A BATTLEFIELD SKETCH: A TURKISH WOMAN BRAVELY SEEKING TO DRAG HER CHILD FROM THE MUD UNDER THE FEET OF CAVALRY FUGITIVES, DURING THE LULE BURGAZ RETIREMENT.

Describing the sketch from which this drawing was made, Mr. Seppings-Wright says, under the heading "A Mother's Sacrifice": "During the retreat many distressing incidents occurred. For instance a country wagon stuck, and one of the children in it fell into the mud just in front of the cavalry fugitives. The mother sprang to the rescue, but the cloud of cavalry closed over her and the child. Whether she escaped or not I never found out, but more than likely she was trampled into the mire."

TO AVOID TUBERCULOSIS.

Rules Which, If Observed, Would Drive Out Consumption.

A healthy body is the best protection against the tubercle bacillus or any other disease-breeding germ. Therefore, keep well by observing the following rules:—

Live, work and sleep in rooms flooded with fresh air and purified by sunlight every day. See that your sleeping room is thoroughly ventilated.

Use good, pure, nourishing food, and thoroughly masticate what you eat.

Cultivate cleanly, temperate and regular habits of living.

Avoid breathing dust-laden air. In sweeping and dusting use a moist broom and duster.

Universal observance of these simple rules would render unnecessary the maintenance of costly sanitoria. A portion of the King Edward Fund of one million dollars for Consumptives will be devoted to the spread of knowledge designed to prevent the further increase of the disease.

CENTURY OF PEACE.

Great Britain Plans for the Great Celebration.

A despatch from London says: Earl Grey was the principal speaker at the Mansion House on Wednesday at a meeting to arrange celebrations of the century of peace between the English-speaking peoples. Earl Grey was heartily applauded in his remark that, although the boundaries of Canada and the United States were side by side for four thousand miles, not a sentinel, fort or gun was placed along them. He recalled the visit to Ottawa of Elihu Root and the impression created by his emphatic declaration that peace between the two countries would remain unbroken. The sum mentioned as indispensable for an adequate celebration is $250,000.

ROBBED THE KING.

Library of Danish Monarch Rifled By One of His Secretaries.

A despatch from Copenhagen says: The private library of King Christian has been the field of operations for a thief. The fact was discovered on Wednesday, and an assistant secretary is charged with being involved. The loot included rare and unique books, miniatures and pictures. The stolen articles were sold to dealers in second-hand goods, who are said to have disposed of a large part of them in the United States.

ELECTRICIAN HAMILTON DIES

Result of Illness Dating From Search for Titanic Victims.

A despatch from Halifax, N.S., says: Frederick Hamilton, electrician of the cable steamer Mackay-Bennett, died on Thursday morning after about six months' illness, dating from the time he accompanied the ship on the search for the dead in the Titanic disaster.

TELEPHONE A GREAT BOON

HAS SAVED MANY LIVES SINCE ITS INVENTION.

Doctors Have Benefited Greatly by Professor Bell's Famous Discovery.

The telephone has been a great factor in improving the health and welfare of the community, according to the view of the editor of The Medical Review of Reviews. He says:

With the development of modern transportation, it was said that the oceans no longer separated America from Europe and Asia, but served to connect them. In a similar way it may be said that telephones have helped to bring physicians and patients together.

A Marked Decrease.

"The telephone has been a mighty factor in improving the health and welfare of the community. Health bureaus have been able to accomplish their work more rapidly and effectively by the use of the telephone. Ambulance service has been developed to a high state of efficiency through the accessibility of telephones in all parts of the community. Rapidity of service, with promptness in 'phoning, have served to save many lives that otherwise might have been lost.

The private practioner, it is true, has suffered a marked decrease in his emergency calls through the recognition of the value of ambulance service and the ease with which one may be summoned by telephones. In fact, the doctor's 'phone is frequently used to call the ambulance. Only a few years ago the nearest physician was called for minor conditions at all hours of the night. To-day the telephone saves many a long and needless journey. Frequently, because of the knowledge and appreciation that a physician may be quickly summoned by 'phone in case of real necessity, the doctor is not called at all, as some transitory condition has disappeared before morning.

Gain Discounts Loss.

"In contrast to this small loss is the gain through telephone visits in lieu of office calls. Such 'phone visits may be regarded as office visits, on the ground that if telephones did not exist it would be necessary for the patient to seek advice at the office. Undoubtedly the telephone has enabled patients to cling to their family physician after moving from his original sphere of influence, whereas if there were no telephones such loyalty would have been impossible. Prof. Bell and others who followed him in developing the telephone system added greatly to the comfort, happiness, progress and welfare of society, in all of which the physician has enjoyed his share."

New cartage tariffs of 50c. per ton and 15c. for "smalls" were fixed by the Railway Commission.

RUBBER OIL IN JAP GOODS.

Extract From Seeds Is Applied Without Machinery.

The vegetable oil used in making paper umbrellas in Japan is pressed out of the seeds of the rubber plant. This oil is made in the various islands famous for oil and seeds from these plants. Sandy ground is favored for the cultivation of the plant, and the oil is extracted from the seeds by presses. The yield of seeds is estimated at twenty bushels per acre. The annual production throughout Japan amounts to 350,000 bushels, from which over a gallon of oil per bushel is extracted. The oil before it is used is boiled and then cooled until it can be applied by hand to umbrellas with a piece of cloth or waste. No machinery or tools are used in applying the oil. When the oiling is complete the umbrellas are exposed in the sun for about five hours. This oil is also used in making the Japanese lanterns, artificial leather, printing ink, lacquer, varnishes, oil paper, and paints.

122 IN THE SHADE.

Terrible Heat Wave Strikes South Australia.

A despatch from Sydney, N. S. W., says: One hundred and twenty-two in the shade is the record put up by the first heat wave experienced in Australia this summer. This was recorded at Eucla, a station on the South Australian border. At Poma, in Queensland, the mercury stood at 110, while Newcastle, the coal city of New South Wales, has had the hottest spell for 16 years, accompanied by dust and wind storms. Other parts of New South Wales were affected, but in Sydney the heat was less severe, the thermometer going only to 93. No deaths are reported.

BRAKEMAN LOSES LEG.

Jerked Off Top of Train and Run Over at Wyoming.

A despatch from Sarnia says: William McIntyre, a young Grand Trunk brakeman, was badly injured while working on Tuesday on his train. He was passing over the tops of cars as the train was entering the yards at Wyoming, and, when the cars gave a sharp jerk, he was pitched between two openings and fell on the rails below. One leg was run over by the wheels and he was otherwise injured. He was rushed to Sarnia, where Dr. Hayes amputated the injured limb. He will recover if complications do not set in.

BOY ALLEGES CRUELTY.

Says Farmer Turned Him Out Without Money or Overcoat.

A despatch from Sarnia says: The Children's Aid Society, in whose charge he is at present, is investigating the case of Solomon Hadlington, a Barnardo boy, who in court stated that a Dawn township farmer, for whom he had been working for the last four years, had the other day told him his contract had expired and turned him adrift without money or even an overcoat, and clothed only in a light summer suit.

MONTREAL HARBOR BOARD.

Farquhar Robertson and Lieut.-Col. Labelle Are Two Members.

A despatch from Montreal says: The announcement is made that Mr. Farquhar Robertson and Lieut.-Colonel Labelle will be Montreal's new Harbor Commissioners. Mr Robertson having declined the Chairmanship, the third member of the board, who has not yet been appointed, will take that position. It is persistently rumored here that Major George Washington Stephens, the former Chairman, will get the office again.

MR. ASQUITH'S DAUGHTER.

In Company With Lady Aberdeen Will Visit America.

A despatch from London says: Violet Asquith, daughter of Premier Asquith, sailed by the Celtic on Thursday on a short visit to America as the guest for part of the time of Mr. and Mrs. Bryce at Washington. Miss Asquith was joined at Queenstown by the Countess of Aberdeen, wife of the Lord-Lieutenant for Ireland.

KING GEORGE ELECTED.

Honorary Member of New York Yacht Club.

A despatch from New York says: His Majesty King George V. of England was elected an honorary member of the New York Yacht Club at the meeting of the club on Thursday night.

Militant suffragettes cut telephone communication with Nottingham.

John McDougall was arrested at Hanover on a charge of burning the house of his brother-in-law, Edmund Boyce, on a Bentinck farm, November 26, and confessed his guilt.

LONDON'S BAD AIR EATS IRON

IRON GIRDERS THAT HAVE BECOME LIKE PUTTY.

Ruinous Effect of Soot Fall on the Buildings of the Metropolis.

"It's no wonder that so many Canadians come to London to live break down in health," said an English engineer to a correspondent, "for they come, mostly, from cities where the air is comparatively wholesome, to the most destructive atmosphere in the whole world—an atmosphere under whose influence stone disintegrates, and that even eats up iron."

"It is because of the atmosphere of London," he went on, "that the new front of Buckingham Palace is to be of Portland stone instead of the Caen variety, as it is at present. The latter, we have found, crumbles away so quickly under the London air that it is almost always in the hands of restorers and painters, whereas Portland stone is less susceptible to the atmosphere and accordingly is almost always chosen nowadays for any new public building.

"The properties of the London air are really amazing," continued the expert. "It is a blend of smoke and soot—there are

Six Thousand Tons of Soot

hanging over London every day—which contain lots of sulphur, and this sulphur, when it meets certain substances, forms sulphuric acid—or vitriol.

"It was the vitriol in the atmosphere that brought the big roof of Charing Cross Station down with a crash a few years ago. The smoke from the locomotives had eaten away the iron, which was not sufficiently painted. Some years ago, too, before the London underground railway was electrified, it was a favorite pastime at Gower Street Station for passengers to go and poke umbrellas into a certain iron girder, which at one point was almost as soft as putty.

"In such cases, paint is the engineer's great standby. In some ways it is more powerful than iron. Many London buildings, in fact, may be said to be practically held together by paint, especially railway stations. Since the Charing Cross disaster, all the big London termini are in the painters' hands practically all the time. Since the Forth bridge was finished the painters' have never stopped working on it. But for a skin of paint the vitriol in the engine smoke might rot the bridge.

"It is this substance, too, that has made Cleopatra's Needle, on the Embankment, show greater signs of age since it came to London, forty years ago, than it did after

Two Thousand Years

in the clear air of Egypt. Probably the difference in the twin obelisk that stands in Central Park, New York, in a corresponding time, is so slight as to be hardly noticeable."

Offhand, one would say that every building of any age in London was of the greyest granite obtainable, yet when one of them is cleaned, as a few have been lately, it proves that they originally were almost white, and the transformation is a bit startling. In a dissecting room, they always can tell whether a patient is a Londoner or a countryman, for, whereas, the lungs of the latter are the natural color, pink, those of the former are jet black.

The London soot covers one's face with smudges, and, if you leave any white material in front of an open window for an hour or so, when you come back you will find it littered with "blacks" as they are locally termed. The soot kills vegetation, too, unless it is tended most carefully. In the garden inside the Bank of England, the leaves are washed every week with soap and water.

AIDS TO NAVIGATION.

Notice of Motion for Parliamentary Committee to Investigate.

A despatch from Ottawa says: Mr. E. N. Lewis (W. Huron) gave notice of a resolution in the House calling for the appointment of a special committee to investigate and report on the whole system of aids to navigation on the St. Lawrence and great lakes. The intention is to thoroughly re-organize the present pilotage system in the St. Lawrence, with a view to insuring as far as possible against a recurrence of the accidents of the past season.

Victoria, B.C., Council may erect a public salt-water bath-house to cost $125,000.

We submit that all men are not alike. Yesterday we heard of a man who always hangs up the towel he uses.

"What is the charge against him?" "I'm not certain as to the specific charge, but the trouble is that he exceeded the speed limit in getting rich."

A FRONTIER HOLIDAY

WITH the merry roundups, barbecues and log raisings the festivities of the New Year's holiday season come with well timed regularity to break the monotony of the cowboy's prosaic life.

In the ranging country of the northwest, where the entire possessions of the average ranchman consist of a few hundred cattle, half a dozen ponies and a rude dugout or "shack" furnished with the bare necessities and where there are only a few cowboys to do the whole work of the ranch, the only assured diversion of the year is the June roundup.

Unless the cowboy goes into a frontier town to take in a barnstorming

NOT UNTIL SUNRISE DOES THE MUSIC STOP.

performance or a "show" given by a traveling prestidigitator he has absolutely no outside diversion.

But in the older ranching territories of the southwest, where stock raising has settled down into a safe and remunerative business and the precarious livelihood and pioneer simplicity have given way to an assured income with comfort and plenty, the holiday jollification has come to be an established custom.

It is a pleasant break to the winter spent in "riding lines" over the country or in whisky poker and cutthroat euchre indoors.

For a week or two before the holiday feast all hands lend their aid to the capturing of game and the finding and saving of eggs.

This is the season for wild turkeys, fat rabbits and ducks. The ordinary mode of getting turkeys is to shoot them, the hunter hiding in the sagebush or chaparral and decoying the birds by imitating their cluck. The great birds, hearing this friendly call, answer and come to it, and a volley of buckshot secures several of the flock.

Another and more exciting manner of turkey capture is to rob a roost. This is done at night by seeking the pecan groves, where the turkeys generally roost.

Some designing and lucky huntsman, having "spotted" a roost, informs his friends, and they go in a party to the place. Cautiously approaching under cover of night, their horses' feet treading noiselessly over the dead leaves, they patiently await the settling down of the restless and exceedingly wild and timid turkeys.

At last, when the fluttering brown figures form a motionless part of the shadowy silence, the signal is given, and bang go the guns simultaneously from all directions. There is a heavy fall, and the rest of the turkeys are so dazed and frightened that they sit still, a helpless prey, to be picked off one by one until the whole roost is secured.

The cowboys' revel is dancing. They are graceful, natural, muscular and active. Dancing to them is horseback riding in good company, under shelter and to the tune of a fiddle. It gives free play to their untiring, restless bodies and at the same time satisfies and delights their love of women's society and good fellowship.

Not until the dull red glow of sunrise creeps over the dun prairies does the music stop.

Then after a breakfast of "cold bits" and strong, hot black coffee the girls go to rooms prepared for them at the ranch or, mounted on fleet footed broncbos, go galloping over the prairies, the fresh, wild wind in their faces and the thrilling memory of sweet words or sweeter promises in their wholesome, simple hearts.—Boston Globe.

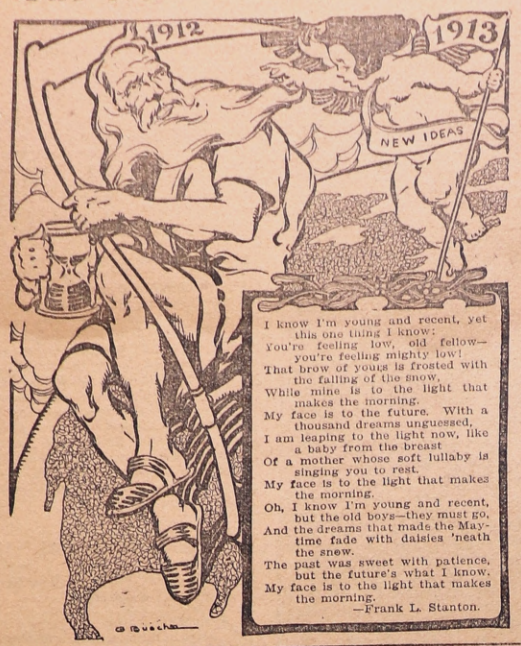
Br'er Rastus on the Holidays.

I'll be mighty glad w'en de holidays is gone, kaze den folks 'll settle down en be reasonable once mo'.

De Lawd loves a cheerful giver, but not de man what gives en den slams de do' ter ease his mind.

De one trouble 'bout Chris'mus is de fact dat so many uncivilized people gits it all mixed up wid de Fo'th o' July.

The New Year to the Old.



I know I'm young and recent, yet
this one thing I know:
You're feeling low, old fellow—
you're feeling mighty low!
That brow of yours is frosted with
the falling of the snow,
While mine is to the light that
makes the morning.
My face is to the future. With a
thousand dreams unguessed,
I am leaping to the light now, like
a baby from the breast
Of a mother whose soft lullaby is
singing you to rest.
My face is to the light that makes
the morning.
Oh, I know I'm young and recent,
but the old boys—they must go,
And the dreams that made the May-
time fade with daisies 'neath
the snow.
The past was sweet with patience,
but the future's what I know.
My face is to the light that makes
the morning.
—Frank L. Stanton.

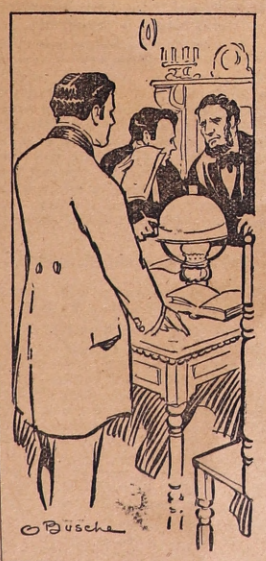
A FATEFUL NEW YEAR'S DAY

NEW YEAR'S DAY is the anniversary of an event which marked the happy conclusion of one of the most fateful acts in the shifting, momentous drama of the American rebellion.

On this date just fifty-one years ago the curtain of night fell on the peaceful finale to the famous diplomatic complication known as the Trent affair, which came dangerously near involving Uncle Sam in a discussion with John Bull at bayonet's length.

In 1861 James M. Mason of Virginia and John Slidell of Louisiana, who had left the United States senate to cast their fortunes with the Confederacy, were appointed commissioners to solicit the aid of Great Britain and France in behalf of the south.

On a dismal, rainy night in October they escaped from Charleston on a blockade runner. They left Havana for England on the British mail steamer Trent. Captain Charles Wilkes of the United States man-of-war San Jacinto, returning from an unsuccessful chase



THE PRESIDENT LISTENED ATTENTIVELY.

of the privateer Sumter, learned these facts, intercepted the Trent, took off the two commissioners and their secretaries and landed them as prisoners of war at Fort Warren, in Boston harbor.

Of course England was indignant at this outrage and made a demand for the release of the prisoners and an apology. To show that he meant business he sent troops to Canada and began preparations for war. In addition to this formal demand, he sent a little personal note to his minister at Washington directing him to allow the United States just seven days to comply.

John Bull's ultimatum reached Washington on Thursday, Dec. 19.

Friday and Saturday passed without action. Sunday was distinctly quieter about the big building devoted to affairs of state.

Seizing this period of quiet and freedom from interruption. Secretary Seward called his confidential assistants about him and set himself to the task of formulating a reply to Great Britain. Mr. Seward's companions that day were his son, Frederick, then assistant secretary of state; E. D. Webster and a clerk.

Late in the afternoon, just as Mr. Seward was concluding his paper, President Lincoln came into the office, accompanied by John Hay.

After the usual greetings the president referred to the Trent affair, and the secretary of state explained what he had been doing. Lincoln expressed a desire to know the contents of the proposed reply, and young Webster was directed to read it to him. The president listened attentively and at the conclusion of the reading said:

"Read it again, please, pausing a moment at the end of every second or third sentence."

As the second reading progressed the president's face relaxed and plainly indicated a feeling of relief. As the secretary neared the end Lincoln drew a document from an inside pocket, quietly sauntered to the fireplace and threw it into the flames without a word of comment or explanation. The president then notified Seward of a cabinet meeting and asked him to bring a copy of the dispatch just read.

Seward's paper, considered one of the ablest and most important in American statecraft, maintained that the Confederate commissioners and their papers were contraband of war and that Wilkes was right in capturing them, but admitted that he should have taken the Trent into port as a prize for adjudication.

As he had failed to do this and by removing Mason and Slidell had constituted himself a judge in the matter, to approve his action would be to sanction the "right of search," which had always been denied by the United States.

Therefore the commissioners would be cheerfully delivered to Great Britain and that power would be forever barred from reasserting the right of search. This dispatch was discussed at cabinet meetings on Wednesday (Christmas) and Thursday and after much opposition was heartily indorsed

Years afterward, when John Hay was secretary of the legation at Paris and Colonel Webster was consul at Bradford, England, they met in the gay French capital, and of course they fell into a reminiscent chat.

Webster asked about the paper which Lincoln had so unostentatiously destroyed on that memorable Sunday in Washington. Hay explained that it was a dispatch Lincoln had prepared in answer to Great Britain's demand and that it was directly opposed to the propositions of Seward's dispatch.

An experimental draft of this document in his own handwriting was found by Hay among Lincoln's papers after his death. Its chief proposal was to arbitrate the matters at issue or in the alternative to carefully discuss the questions involved and formulate a rule binding upon both nations for similar cases in the future.

Lincoln's dispatch was never submitted to his cabinet. At the instant of drawing the copy from his pocket that Sunday afternoon he accepted Seward's proposition without reserve, sunk self and pride without hesitation and changed the impending course of American history.—Boston Globe.

The Old and the New.

Tomorrow never comes, they say,
And yet a year is as a day,
As we shall know tomorrow.
Tonight the old year goes to rest,
His thin hands folded on his breast,
His withered lips together pressed,
And with him goes his sorrow.

Tonight, ere gray the morning grows,
An infant, still in swaddling clothes,
Will come to earth to greet us.
The bells will clamor at the gate,
Will shout aloud: "You're late! You're late!"
Within his hands he holds our fate,
Yet, laughing, comes to meet us.

An old year goes; a new year comes.
The sound of bells and muffled drums
Are ever close together.
The borderland 'twixt life and death
Is but a step across the heath.
One spans it in a single breath
Be dark or bright the weather.

Tonight the old year folds his wings,
Lies down to sleep among the kings
That wait across the river.
To nineteen twelve we say "Goodby!"
To nineteen thirteen, drawing nigh,
For mercy we may vainly cry—
And time goes on forever.
—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

A NEW YEAR'S RESOLVE.

Oh, the first of the year's too cold,
I fear,
For the cause of a true reform.
'Twere better to wait for a later
date
When things are a bit more
warm.

The trouble that lies in the way
of the wise
Who'd leave bad habits behind.
Their virtuous sniff is frozen stiff
By the chill of the winter's wind.

The good intent of the righteous
bent
Is nipped by the frosty air,
And the news turned leaf soon
comes to grief
And withers beyond repair.

Old Janus bold, with his blasts
so cold,
Bites deep on the virtuous nose;
Reform is lost in the awful frost
That comes with the month of
snows.

'Twere better by much to await
the touch
Of a genial May day sun
For putting on ice your favorite
vice,
With which you at last are done.

For the tenderest flower in Nature's bower
That time can never evolve
Is a sturdy oak, and that's no
joke,
Compared to a good resolve.

And that is why, with the new
year by,
To my vicious ways I cling,
And contra bonos mores go
Till the warmer days of spring.
—John Kendrick Bangs in Harper's Weekly.

THE WASSAIL BOWL

FROM time immemorial beverages, hot or cold, have been deemed indispensable to the proper sending off of the old year and the welcome of the new. So long as these are innocuous, well and good, but the wise man drinks "with harness on his throat." This our good old Dutch forbears did not always do.

While the famous wassail of song and story was always served hot, the contents of the punch bowl, holly wreathed, were ice cold.

For this famous old drink no recipe is better than the ancient one, which is given in the exact words of

THE WASSAIL BOWL WAS ELABORATE OF CONCOCTION AND HIGHLY SPICED.

the original: Simmer a small quantity of the following spices in a teacupful of water—viz: Cardamoms, cloves, nutmeg, mace, ginger, cinnamon and coriander. When done put the spice to two, four or six bottles of port, sherry or madeira, with one pound and a half of fine loaf sugar (powdered) to four bottles, and set all on the fire in a clean, bright saucepan.

Meanwhile have the yolks of twelve and the whites of six eggs well whisked up in it. Then when the spiced and sugared wine is a little warm take out one teacupful, and so on for three or four cups, after which, when it boils, add the whole of the remainder, pouring it in gradually and stirring it in briskly, so as to froth it. The moment a fine froth is obtained toss in twelve fine soft roasted apples and send it up hot. Spices for each bottle of wine: Ten grains of mace, forty-six grains of cloves, thirty-seven of cardamoms, twenty-eight grains of cinnamon, twelve grains of nutmeg, forty-eight grains of ginger, forty-nine grains of coriander seeds.

TIME.

Time is like a fashionable host
That slightly shakes his parting
guest by the hand
And with his arms outstretched,
as he would fly,
Grasps in the newcomer. Welcome ever smiles,
And farewell goes out sighing.
—Shakespeare.

Santa Claus

As a compounder seems rather out of place, but if he does not worry much about sickness and its remedies, he finds lots of other things in our store that are surely in his line. Here in [illegible] grant pe[illegible] ebony br[illegible] hand bag[illegible] ticles of a[illegible] Xmas [illegible] Fancy Stat[illegible] [illegible] and [illegible]

J. S. M[illegible]ON

Rawdon Council

Council met pursuant to adjournment. Members all present.

Minutes of last meeting read and adopted.

Moved by Mr. Montgomery, seconded by Mr. Haslett, that the Treasurer's pay sheet, covering school money's, School Debentures, and County rates be passed and ordered to be paid by the Treasurer. Carried.

Mr. Daniel Mack made application to purchase the timber on road in the 11th concession and side road east of C. P. R. railway. The Road Surveyor was instructed to investigate.

Mr. Mack also applied for a remission of taxes on account of fire. No action taken.

Mr. George Green applied to have all his road work placed on one beat. No action taken.

Correspondence read and filed.

Moved by Mr. Haslett, second by Mr. Montgomery, that the Council go into a committee of the whole on By-laws, Mr. Jeffs in the chair. Carried.

By-law was read clause by clause.

Moved by Mr. Montgomery, seconded by Mr. Thompson, that By-law be read a third time and signed, sealed and numbered appointing the following Deputy Returning Officers and Poll Clerks:

Poll No. 1, Thos. Montgomery, jr., D. R. O.; John Richardson, Poll Clerk.
Poll No. 2, Jas. Linn, D. R. O.; Conger McConnell, Poll Clerk.
Poll No. 3, Elgin Jackman, D.R.O.; George H. McGee, Poll Clerk.
Poll No. 4, Joseph Hagerman, D. R. O.; Wm. Courtney, Poll Clerk.
Poll No. 5, George Shortt, D. R. O.; Miles Mason, Poll Clerk.
Poll No. 6, Wm. Stiles, D. R. O.; John McKeown, Poll Clerk.

Moved by Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Mr. Haslett, that the following accounts be paid. Carried.

John McMullen, Com. Statute labor	$ 5 00
Alex. McInroy railing on Belshaw's Creek	12 00
Isaac Barton, 15 yds. gravel	75
Jas. Warren, 60 " "	3 00
John Baker, 62 " "	3 10
Lewis Gordineer, Com. Statute labor	3 00
Jas. Dunkley, balance on gravel pit	125 00
Donald Bell, Com. Statute labor, Bellview	40 00
Angus Farrell, 217 yds. gravel	10 85
Fred Cooke, 88 yds. gravel	4 40
Frank Jeffs, making road through gravel pit	10 00
H. W. Sabine, balance of salary	25 00
Andrew McGee, drawing and piling timber at Cow path bridge	3 00
German Sine, 15 yds. gravel	75
Wm. Hagerman, 197 yds. gravel	9 85
Joseph Green, sheep killed	10 00
Joseph Green, opening culvert lot 2, con. 2	2 00
W. F. Bateman, 300 post cards and mailing Voter's List	5 00
Wm. McKenzie, drawing tile on town line	2 00
Walter Spry, work on road division No. 63	10 00
G. H. Green, work on Donnan bridge	4 50
Thos. Coleman, Com., Statute labor	1 75
Jas. Redcliff, culvert built and ditching	6 00
Daniel Searles, salary as Valuator	2 30
J. A. Potts, salary as Valuator	3 00
T. J. Thompson, " " "	4 50
J. C. Linn, salary as Valuator	3 70
John Bateman, sheep killed	4 67
Jos. Linn, salary's and ac., of Board of Health	50 00
George Maybee, sheep killed	11 00
Mrs. Armstrong, balance of salary	15 00
Andrew Reid, Com., Statute labor and 24 yds. gravel	4 20
John Bateman, salary as Road Surveyor	35 00
A. L. Saylor, 12 tile	9 00
Seymour Township ½ of job east Cape Diamond	5 90
George Richardson, Com., Statute labor	13 00
Chas. Thompson, taking out piers and piling timber	3 00
John Robinson, salary as valuator	1 25
Thos. Montgomery, salary	45 00
E. W. Hawkins, "	30 00
Fred Jeffs, "	30 00
C. W. Thompson, "	30 00
A. Haslett, "	30 00
Geo. A. Suarr "	100 00
W. F. Bateman bal. of salary	100 00
George Drewery, selection of jurors	3 00
Marshall Sweet, attending Voters' List Court	2 00
Geo. Drewry, attending Voters' list Court	2 00
Thos. Montgomery, financial statements	6 00

Council adjourned, sine die.

W. F. BATEMAN, Clerk.

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PERSONALS.

Mrs. Jas. McKenzie is visiting friends in Toronto.

Mrs. Caldwell is visiting her daughter in Lindsay.

Mrs. W. L. Fox is visiting relatives in Kemptville.

Miss Belshaw left on Wednesday morning for her home in Meaford.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Utman are visiting relatives in Morrisburg.

Miss Levers, of Quebec, is the guest of Mrs. Wm. Montgomery.

Mrs. R. I. Clancy, of Winnipeg, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Martin.

Mr. Wilbert Hagerman is spending a few days with friends in New York.

Mr. D. Dickson, Belleville, spent the week end with Mr. Gilbert Smith, Anson.

Mrs. Wm. Harris and Miss Olive, Dresden, are guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Martin.

Mrs. H. S. Ferguson and Miss Florence Ferguson are spending the holidays with her daughter in Kingston.

Mr. John R. Coutts, of Youngstown, Alta., is spending the winter with his brother, Mr. Jas. Coutts.

Mr. Robert Jones, of Philadelphia, N.Y., is visiting his grandmother, Mrs. R. B. Jones, and other friends here.

Mr. Duncan Montgomery, of Belleville, and his cousin, Mr. Wightman, of Kingston, spent Christmas at his home here.

Mr. John Young, of Griswold, Man., who is attending Queen's, Kingston, is a guest at the home of Dr. J. D. Bissonnette.

Mr. and Mrs. Byrne Black, Napanee, and Messrs. John M. and Harry Black, Montreal, spent Christmas with their mother, Mrs. J. S. Black.

Mr. Alex. McClure, of Dresden, is visiting old friends in this vicinity, and is at present the guest of C. J. Bateman, of Chatham, who is spending the holidays at his father's home here.

Among the Christmas guests in town were: Misses Elma Watts, Ruby Bird, Annie Mosher, Mr. Frank Zwick, Toronto; Miss Bertha Mosher, Cannington; Mr. Hume and Miss Florence Bissonnette, Kingston; Miss Kathleen Doak, Ottawa; Miss Hettie Bailey, Mr. Duncan Montgomery, Belleville; Mr. and Mrs. S. B. McGee and children, Mr. Harold Payne, Tweed; Miss Maud Ward, Bancroft; Mr. Ernest Ward, Peterboro; Mr. and Mrs. H. Wiggins and Miss Helen, Marmora; Mr. Donald F. Bissonnette, Toronto.

To the Editor of the News-Argus.

MR. EDITOR,—I wish to write a few lines in regard to the address given in last week's issue of the NEWS-ARGUS to Mr. and Mrs. John Parks, of Hoard's Station, and speaking of the injustice received by them, and of their being driven from their home. It would be well if those friends would show more of a christian spirit and not judge so hastily without taking a second thought that there are two sides to a story. These so called friends look on the outward appearance, but God looketh on the heart.

Also these parties spoken of so freely as doing an injustice were not present to defend themselves.

Now perhaps if the other side had spoken as freely concerning their troubles as Mr. Parks and their associates have, there would have been a different opinion among these so called friends.

I also thank the christian friends who knew of the troubles but have been considerate enough not to express their thoughts on either side.

Written in defense of those parties who have been spoken of so unjustly, by

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RAILWAY TIME TABLE.

Trains call at Stirling station as follows:—

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Mail & Ex...6.03 a. m.	Passenger..10.17 a. m
Passenger...6.45 p. m.	Mail & Ex. 3.31 p. m

The Stirling News-Argus.

THURSDAY, DEC. 26, 1912

LOCAL MATTERS.

Get your wedding invitations and announcements at the NEWS-ARGUS office.

The Stirling Women's Institute will meet in the Agricultural rooms on Wednesday, Jan. 8th, instead of the first Wednesday in the month. A full attendance is requested.

An entertainment of unusual merit and uniqueness will be given in Stirling Opera House on Saturday evening, Jan. 18, 1913. Four professional American artists will participate in this concert, one being the leading Harpist of America. Further announcement later.

The Christmas entertainment at Salem Methodist Church given by the Sunday School on Monday evening last was a grand success in every respect. The church was literally packed, and an excellent programme was given by the School. The proceeds amounted to $64.85.

On Sunday forenoon last, the residence of Mr. W. L. Fox, on Church street, narrowly escaped destruction by fire. A fire was started from overheated furnace pipes, but fortunately was discovered before it had gained much headway. The chemical engine was brought into requisition and the blaze was extinguished before much damage was done.

During this Christmas time we are informed that a good deal of petty thieving, or "shop-lifting" has been going on, as in the crowds that visited the different stores it was impossible to keep a close watch on everything. It is to be deplored that such should be the case, and perhaps if some of the guilty ones were made an example of it would put a check to such practices.

The public are asked to remember the concert in the Opera House on New Year's night, Jan. 1st, 1913, under the auspices of the Presbyterian Sunday School, Herbert W. Piercy, has been secured for the evening and will be assisted by local talent. The officers promise a first-class concert, as Mr. Piercy is known to be very excellent in both wit and wisdom. Admittance, reserved seats 35 cts., others 25 cts. The plan will be at Morton's Drug Store, and will be open on Saturday, Dec. 21. Secure seats early.

The Christmas entertainment of the Methodist Sunday School given last night in the Opera House was a decided success. The weather was propitious and a large audience assembled. Every number contributed by Mrs. Davies, Aylmar and Rita, thoroughly captivated the appreciative audience. The artistic and dramatic powers displayed by these children were not only wonderful but phenomenal. This was exhibited more particularly in the scene from Sheridan's "School for Scandal." A larger audience would assuredly greet these talented artists on their return to Stirling. Miss Vita Bailey, of Regina, Sask., added much to the success of the evening by giving three well rendered solos.

Burglary

During Sunday night some person or persons entered the butcher shop of Mr. A. L. Hough and took six geese, a turkey, three sides of breakfast bacon, and a dollar in silver which was left in the till. The shop had been entered by unlocking the door—some one having a key that fitted the lock. It is altogether probable that the parties who thus helped themselves to Christmas cheer do not live out of town, and more may yet be heard of it.

The same night Mr. D. Martin's store was entered in the same way as Mr. Hough's, by unlocking the door, and a number of jack knives, a razor, and his watch and chain, which he had left on his desk, were taken.

The Parsonage, Embro, Ont. April 6th, 1912, Rev. Herbert W. Piercy is an "Interpreter of Literature" of much more than ordinary ability. His elocution is particularly good, and he shows marked ability in differentiating the separate characters. As a Dramatic Interpreter of such high class Literature as the works of Henry Van Dyke, one can safely say Mr. Piercy has few equals.

(REV.) W. D. SPENCE.

Rev. Herbert W. Piercy will appear New Year's night in the Opera House, at the Presbyterian Sunday School Entertainment.

At The Turn of The Year

Christians were not, at first, united in the celebration of Christmas. Some kept Christmas in January, others in April, others in May. It was a pre-Christian force which drove them all into agreement upon the twenty-fifth of December. Just as they wisely took the Christmas tree from the Roman Saturnalia, so they took the date of their festival from the universal pre-Christian festival of the winter solstice, Yule, when mankind celebrated the triumph of the sun over the powers of darkness, when the night begins to decrease and the day to increase, when the year turns, and hope is born again because the worst is over.

No more suitably symbolic moment could have been chosen for a festival of faith, goodwill and joy. And the appositeness of the moment is just as perfect in this era of electric light and central heating as it was in the era of Virgil, who, by the way, described a Christmas tree. We shall say this year, with exactly the same accents of relief and hope as our pagan ancestors used, and as the wooded savage used: "The days will begin to lengthen now." For, while we often falsely fancy that we have subjugated nature to our service, the fact is that we are as irremediably as ever at the mercy of nature.—Arnold Bennett in "The Feast of St. Friend.

Megginson Making Walnuts A Success

The walnut industry should soon begin to be a material factor in Riverside's prosperity. There are a few small groves in the valley that have been profitable producers for several years, proving beyond a doubt that they can be successfully grown here. J. F. Megginson is the first to go into the business on an extensive scale. For some time he has been a successful developer of citrus and alfalfa lands. Last year he bought about 300 acres of land on Magnolia avenue below the county hospital. He put down two wells from which he pumps over 100 inches of water with one pump, using city electric power at a cost of seven cents per inch. A complete system of cement and vitrified pipe line conveys the water to all parts of the tract. Last spring 130 acres were planted to walnuts and 180 acres to alfalfa. Most of the walnut planting has alfalfa between the rows. A good stand was secured last spring and the alfalfa has paid expenses and also paid for the care of the trees this first year. Next year it should pay a good profit besides the care of the trees.

Mr. Megginson is a firm believer in the theory that if a thing is worth doing at all it is worth doing well. All of the work on the tract to date is first class. Next year he expects to commence fertilizing the trees. While this has not been the custom among walnut growers, he believes that it will pay.

A 15 acre piece fronting on Magnolia avenue has just been purchased on which a second pumping plant will be installed, thus giving the whole tract an abundance of water.—Riverside, Cal., Daily Press.

A Christmas Story

Toronto, December 20th, 1912.

DEAR FRIEND:—

It is an old story—wounded on a journey—robbed—shunned by friends—dying—when fortunately a Stranger whom Christ has immortalized, and whom all the world loves, comes to the rescue with his sympathy and money.

Not one man maimed, but HUNDREDS OF POOR UNFORTUNATES—robbed by a wasting disease, so that health and money are all gone—too often shunned by friends who fear the dread disease, Consumption — even the hospitals refusing admission—dying unless timely aid is given.

This is the story the Muskoka Free Hospital tells for the Christmas season of 1912.

The trustees believe that Canada—most favored land in all the world—is filled with thousands of Good Samaritans, who, like their namesake of old, will claim a share in giving the help urgently needed to care for these poor sick and suffering ones, and to extend the work of providing for those seeking admission.

Perhaps you know of one who might have been saved and in whose memory you will help to save some poor sufferer of today or tomorrow?

$250 will maintain a bed for a year; $5,000 will endow a bed for all time. Will you help? Every dollar counts.

Yours faithfully,

W. J. GAGE.
Chairman of Executive.

P. S:—Since writing the above, it occurs to me that a number of our good friends have, within the past few weeks remembered the needy Consumptives with their gifts. To such I confirm with sincere thanks the acknowledgement already sent.

We often hear the expression "toll of the middleman." It is misleading. In some cases the middleman pockets nearly the whole price paid by the retailer, leaving the producer barely more than a miller's toll. The case cited at the Ontario Vegetable Grower's Convention, of tomatoes purchased from the grower at less than half a cent a pound and retailing in Toronto for six cents, is calculated to arrest attention. Think of it—eleven-twelfths to the railroad and middleman, one twelfth to the producer. That looks like reversing things with a vengeance,—Farmer's Advocate.

A New Year's Greeting

To each and every one of my old friends in and around Stirling with whom I lived for more than thirty-five years, I send the following lines, written by David H. Wilson, Louisville, Ky., and which express most assuredly my greeting—or, in the words of Mr. E. W., deceased, "Them's my sentiments,"—"Am I right or am I wrong."

Lang may your lum reek, an' happy may ye be,
An' may the future hae in store much joy for you an' me.
May your life be ful' o' sunshine and never know a tear,
As ye enter on the journey o' anither guid New Year.

Lang may your lum reek, and aye frae care be free;
May the Yule log burn brightly in the chimney neuk for thee,
An' may each day be brighter, an' ful' o' love an' cheer,
As ye travel on life's pathway through anither guid New Year.

Yes, lang may your lum reek, an' may your days be lang,
Wi' a cheerie smile upon your lips an' in your hairts a sang,
Life will then be worth the living, an' heaven will be near,
When every day will be to you—a happy guid New Year.

JAMES S. SPRAGUE, M. D.
Perth, Dec. 18, 1912.

The Suffragettes

Make them outlaws!" This is the severe suggestions of a London lawyer to the authorities who are at their wits' ends in dealing with the militant suffragettes.

As the women will not obey "man-made laws," argues the barrister, they have no right to the protection of those laws.

While this newest proposition is not likely to receive general approval, it is admitted that some way must be found to punish women violators of the law without making them martyrs to "The Cause," When they were arrested wholesale and committed to prison for breaking windows, attempting to set fire to a Dublin theatre, and for other offences, they escaped by means of the hunger strike. None has been caught at setting fires and pouring ink and other substances into letter boxes, but Elsie Howey, who has been sentenced to two months' imprisonment for turning in false fire alarms, the latest device of the militants to influence men to give them the vote, probably will become a hunger striker.

Many plans, including that of letting them starve in prison if they refuse food have been recommended to the Government, but none has thus far met with acceptance. The lawyer quoted claims to have legal authority for his suggestion that the law breakers be declared outlaws, with all that outlawry signifies—ignored by the law, deprived of police protection and the rest. If this appears too radical, he would have them declared undesirables, which would place it within the power of any magistrate to order their removal beyond the shores of the United Kingdom.

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The auction sale of Farm Stock and Implements belonging to Mr. F. Jay White, lot 23, 4th con., of Sidney, will take place on Tuesday, Dec. 31st, commencing at 10 o,clock, a.m. Free lunch at noon. Wm. Rodgers, Auctioneer.

Auction Sales

TUESDAY, JAN. 7.—On lot 25, con., 1, Seymour, the farm stock and implements belonging to Mr. William Frauts. Sale at one o'clock, p. m. C. U. Clancy, Auctioneer.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 8.—On lot 1, con. 3, Huntingdon, the farm stock and implements belonging to Mr. Jas. Hawkins. Sale to commence at 9 a.m. Lunch at noon. Wm. Rodgers, auctioneer.

Births

WHITE—In Rawdon, on Dec. 24, to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. White, a daughter.

Married

McLAREN-KETCHESON—At Trinity Church, Frankford, on Monday, 23rd inst., by Rev. B. F. Byers, Addie M. Ketcheson, Frankford, to William M. McLaren, Sidney township.

LINN-ADAMS—At the residence of the bride's mother on Christmas Day, by Rev. B. F. Byers, M.A., Mary Gladys Adams, Stirling, to William Ernest Linn, of Rawdon township.

Deaths

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CHAPTER XXIX.

It is of course a truism that we never fully appreciate what we have, until some trouble or some other loss shows us all that has grown familiar in a fresh light. Fond as he had been of his home before, Frithiof had never until now quite realized what it meant to him. But as each evening he returned from work, and from the severe trial of an atmosphere of suspicion and dislike, he felt much as the sailor feels when, after tossing about all day in stormy seas he anchors at night in some harbor of refuge. Sigrid knew that he felt this, and she was determined that he should not even guess her trouble. It was with her certainly as she went about her household work, with her as she and Swanhild walked through the hot and crowded streets, and with her as she played at Mme. Lechertier's Academy. But there was something in the work that prevented the trouble from really preying on her mind; she was sad indeed, yet not in despair.

Nevertheless, Mme. Lechertier's quick eyes noted at once the change in her favorite.

"You are not well, cherie," she said, "your face looks worn. Why, my dear, I can actually see lines in your forehead. At your age that is inexcusable."

Sigrid laughed.

"I have a bad habit of wrinkling it up when I am worried about anything," she said. "To-day, perhaps, I am a little tired. It is so hot and sultry, and besides I am anxious about Frithiof, it is a trying time for him."

"Yes, this heat is trying to the strongest," said Mme. Lechertier. "Swanhild, my angel, there are some new bonbons in that box; help yourself."

The child was never happier than when hard at work at the academy; even on this hot summer day she never complained; and in truth the afternoons just brought the right amount of variety into what would otherwise have been a very monotonous life.

"Sigrid," said the little girl, as they walked home together, "is it true what you said to Madame Lechertier about Frithiof feeling the heat? Is it really that which has made him so grave the last few days?"

"It is partly that," replied Sigrid. "But he has a good deal to trouble him that you are too young to understand, things that will not bear talking about. You must try to make it bright and cheerful at home."

Next morning (Sunday) was so bright that Sigrid persuaded him to take a walk, and fully intending to return in an hour's time to his translating, he paced along the Embankment. He crossed Blackfriars Bridge and walked further and further, and on to the further bank of the Tower—solid and grim, as befitted the guardian of so many secrets of the past. Even here there was a quiet Sunday feeling, while something familiar in the sight of the water and the shipping carried him back in imagination to Norway, and there came over him an intense longing for his own country. It was a feeling that often took possession of him, nor could he any more account for its sudden seizures than the Swiss can account for that sick longing for his native mountains to which he is often liable.

"It's no use," he thought to himself. "I'll take me the best part of my life to pay the debts, and till they are paid I can't go."

CHAPTER XXX.

Perhaps it was almost a relief both to Frithiof and to Sigrid that, just at this time, all intercourse with Rowan Tree House should become impossible. Lance and Gwen had sickened with scarlatina, and of course, all communication was at end for some time to come. So that, perhaps, the only person who sighed over the separation was Cecil, and she was fortunately kept so busy by her little patients that she had not time to think much of the future.

By the middle of August, Lance and Gwen had recovered, and were taken down to the sea-side. But in spite of lovely weather that summer's holiday proved a very dreary one. Roy was in the depths of depression, and it seemed to Cecil that a great shadow had fallen upon everything.

"Robin," said Mrs. Boniface, "I want you to take that child to Switzerland for a month; this place is doing her no good at all. She wants change and mountain air."

So the father and mother plotted and planned, and in September Cecil, much against her will, was packed off to Switzerland to see snow-mountains and water-falls.

Still, being a sensible girl, she did her best with what was put before her, and though her mind was a good deal with Sigrid and Frithiof in their trouble and anxiety, yet physically she gained great good from the tour, and came back with a color in her cheeks which satisfied her mother.

"By the bye, dearie," remarked Mrs. Boniface, the day after her return, "your father thought you would like to hear the 'Elijah' to-night at the Albert Hall, and he has left you two tickets."

"Why Albani is singing, is she not?" cried Cecil. "Oh, yes; I should like to go, of all things!"

"Then I will tell you what we will do; we will send a card and ask Mrs. Horner to go with you, for it's the church meeting to-night, and father and I do not want to miss it."

Cecil could make no objection to this, though her pleasure was rather damped by the prospect of having Mrs. Horner as her companion. There was little love lost between them, for the innate refinement of the one jarred upon the innate vulgarity of the other, and vice versa.

It was a little after seven o'clock when Cecil drove to the Horners' house and was ushered into the gorgeous drawing-room.

"My dear," exclaimed Mrs. Horner, entering with a perturbed face, "did not my letter reach you in time? I made sure it would. The fact is, I am not feeling quite up to going to-night. Could you find any one else, do you think, who would go with you?"

Cecil thought for a moment.

"Sigrid would have liked it, but I know she is too busy just now," she remarked.

"And oh, dear, far better go alone than take Miss Falck!" said Mrs. Horner; "I shall never forget what I endured when I took her with me to hear Corney Grain; she laughed aloud, my dear; laughed till she positively cried, and even went so far as to clap her hands. It makes me hot to think of it even."

"I always enjoy going anywhere with Sigrid," said Cecil. "It seems to me that her wonderful faculty for enjoying everything is very much to be envied. However, as there is no chance of her going to-night, I will call and see whether one of the Greenwoods is disengaged."

So with hasty farewells she went off, laughing to herself as the cab rattled along, to think of Mrs. Horner's discomfort and Sigrid's intense appreciation of Corney Grain. Fate, however, seemed to be against her; her friends the Greenwoods were out for the evening, and there was nothing left for it but to drive home again; or else to go in alone and trust to finding Roy afterward. She decided to go alone, and writing a few words on a card asking Roy to come to her at the end of the oratorio, she sent it to the artiste's room by one of the attendants, and settled herself down to enjoy the music, secretly rather glad to have an empty chair instead of Mrs. Horner beside her.

All at once the color rushed to her cheeks, for, looking up, she saw Frithiof crossing the platform; she watched him place the score on the conductor's desk, and turn to answer the question of some one in the orchestra, then disappear again within the swing-doors leading to the back regions. She wondered a little that Roy did not come to her; or, at any rate, send her some message, and at the end of the last chorus began to feel a little anxious and uncomfortable. At last, to her great relief, she saw Frithiof coming toward her.

"Your brother has never come," he said, in reply to her greeting. "I suppose this fog must have hindered him, for he told me he should be here; and I have been expecting him every moment."

"Is the fog so bad as all that?" said Cecil, rather anxiously.

"It was very bad when I came," said Frithiof. "However, by good luck, I managed to grope my way to Portland Road, and came down by the Metropolitan. Will you let me see you home?"

"Thank you, but it is so dreadfully out of your way. I should be very glad if you would, only it is troubling you so much."

"You will be giving me a real pleasure," he said. "I expect there will be a rush on the trains. Shall we try for a cab?"

So they walked out together into the dense fog. Cecil with a blissful sense of confidence in the man who piloted her so adroitly through the crowd.

At last, after much difficulty, Frithiof secured a hansom, and put her into it. She was secretly relieved that he got in too.

"I will come back with you if you will allow me," he said; "for I am not quite sure whether this is not a more dangerous part of the adventure than when we were on foot. I never saw such a fog! Why, we can't even see the horse, much less where he is going."

"How thankful I am that you were here! It would have been dreadful all alone," said Cecil; and she explained to him how Mrs. Horner had failed her at the last moment. "You have not met my mother since she came back from the sea. Are you still afraid of infection? The house has been thoroughly painted and fumigated."

"Oh, it is not that," said Frithiof; "but while this cloud is still over me, I can't come. You do not realize how it affects everything."

"It does not affect your own home."

"No, that's true," said Frithiof. "It has made me value that more, and it has made me value your friendship more. But, you see, you are the only one at Rowan Tree House who still believes in me; and how you manage to do it passes my comprehension—when there is nothing to prove me innocent."

"None of the things which we believe in most can be absolutely proved," said Cecil. "I can't logically justify my belief in you any more than in our old talks I could justify my belief in the unseen world."

"Do you remember that first Sunday when I was staying with you, and you asked me whether I had found a Norwegian church?"

"Yes, very well. It vexed me so much to have said anything about it, but you see, I had always lived with people who went to church or chapel as regularly as they took their meals.

"Well, do you know I was wrong; there is a Norwegian church down near the Commercial Docks at Rotherhithe. It is too far for Sigrid and Swanhild to go very often, but to me it is like a bit of Norway planted down in this great wilderness of houses," he said. "It was strange that I should have happened to come across it so unexpectedly, just at the time when I most needed it."

"But that surely is what always happens," said Cecil. "When we really need a thing we get it."

"You learned, before I did, to distinguish between needing and wanting," said Frithiof. "But I, you see, had to lose everything before understanding—to lose even my reputation for common honesty. Even now it seems to me hardly possible that life should go on under such a cloud as that. Yet the days pass somehow, and I believe that it was this trouble which drove me to what I really needed."

"It is good of you to tell me this," said Cecil. "It seems to put meaning into this mystery which is always puzzling me and seeming so useless and unjust. By the bye, Roy tells me that Darnell has left."

"Yes," said Frithiof, "he left at Michaelmas. Things have been rather smoother since then."

"I can't help thinking that his leaving just now is indirect evidence against him," said Cecil. "Sigrid and I suspected him from the first. Do not you suspect him?"

"Yes," he replied, "I do. But without any reason."

"Why did he go?"

"His wife was ill, and was ordered to a warmer climate. He has taken a situation at Plymouth. After all, there is no real evidence against him, and a great deal of evidence against me. How is it that you suspect him?"

"It is because I know you had nothing to do with it," said Cecil.

He had guessed what her answer would be, yet loved to hear her say the words.

(To be continued.)

On the Farm

Succulent Food for Stock.

Just as one enjoys eating an apple occasionally—especially during the winter, when less fruit and vegetables are used than during the summer—just so the live stock in the winter, when their rations consist largely of dry feed, need and appreciate some form of succulent food. There is very little added expense in supplying animals with a reasonable amount of succulent food, either in the form of roots or silage. For a herd of twelve or more cows, this succulent food is most cheaply supplied by the use of silage; but for the smaller herd, or for a man without a silo, roots afford an excellent substitute for silage.

By care in preparing the soil and growing the crop, from fifteen to twenty-five tons of roots, like mangels, rutabagas or stock carrots can be grown per acre. They can be stored under the feeding-alley or in a pit outside of the barn, at very little expense. Twenty tons of roots will supply ten cows twenty pounds per day each for 200 days, and can be grown and harvested at a cost of less than $40. The nutrients contained in twenty tons of roots are worth $30 when bran is worth $20 per ton; so the feeding value of the roots is sufficient to pay for the cost of production, beside the additional advantage of their supplying the succulence needed by the animal.

Planting Seeds of Fruits.

Large seeds like peaches and plums may be planted in the fall, and they will freeze sufficiently during the winter to cause them to sprout readily in the spring. Small seeds like the apple, grape, etc., should be mixed with sand in the fall or early winter, and placed in a shallow, open box. The box should be set flat, on the ground on the north side of a building where it will keep moist and remain there all winter to freeze and thaw as often as it will. The contents of the box should never be allowed to dry out. Very early in the spring just as soon as the soil in the garden will do to work, the seeds should be planted in rows and covered very lightly. The seeds may be separated from the sand with a sieve, but this is unnecessary as sand and all may be sown in the row. Take care that the seeds do not become dry before they are planted. Apple seeds begin growing very early, so that care must be taken to get them in the ground before sprouting begins.

In the Poultry Yard.

It is a mistake to keep late hatched pullets of the large varieties for winter layers. These are always the late moulters. A hen changes her coat at the same time each year.

If convenient separate the fowls into several bunches. They will lay more eggs than if crowded together in one house. For instance if a hundred hens are kept, divide into four or five flocks and have a separate house or apartment for each flock.

Don't forget to store plenty of cabbage for the hens. They take the place of grass better than anything else with the exception of green rye. In case the cabbage crop is a failure then by all means sow a patch of rye in the fall.

Save all the turnips, rutabagas, pumpkins, etc., that can be conveniently stored for winter poultry food. They may be fed either cooked or raw. Cooked vegetables, of course should be mashed and thickened with ground grain. Always remove the seed from pumpkins.

Raise More Sheep.

Fifteen or twenty ewes, and a ram, will constitute about the right-sized flock with which to begin. They must have abundant shelter from rain and snow; but it need not be in a warm barn. Wet, whether from above or underfoot, is to be scrupulously guarded against by the sheep-owner. Exposure in a cold rain is bad for a horse or steer; it is doubly bad for sheep. The sheep sheds should be on a high, well drained site—indeed, sheep should be allowed to run over no low, wet land, no matter how attractive the herbage thereon may be.

Except that the ram should have a little grain now and then, to maintain his virtility, and the ewes a little at lambing time, the flock will require only pasturage for the greater part of the year, with clover hay or like roughage for winter feeding. The farmer with only himself and a child or two to carry the burden of caring for animals, will often find the keeping of sheep more advantageous than the keeping of cattle.

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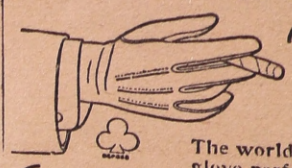
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"At Marlborough House one night in the eighties the King, who was then Prince of Wales, was playing billiards with some of his guests. 'H.R.H.' was not in particularly good form, and, after a rather bad shot, one of the younger men shouted, to the amazement and disgust of the others: 'I say, Wales, pull yourself together!' The Prince made no reply, but beckoning to a servant, said: 'Call Mr. ——'s carriage!'"

"Etiquette prescribes that those who are invited to meet sovereigns, or their heirs-apparent, should wear, when they possess them, the orders of the visiting monarch, or his representative for the time being. The Marquis de Soveral, when he was once commanded to Sandringham, where some of the members of the Royal Family of Greece were staying, was seen by King Edward at the dinner to be wearing the wrong decoration. His Majesty quietly removed his own Greek Order, and under cover of the table cloth affixed it to the nether end of the Marquis's waistcoat. None of the party perceived this timely, good-natured action, the amusement being divided between the King and the then Portuguese Minister."

"An American soldier was once asked what he thought of the Prince of Wales. 'What do I think of him?' replied the sergeant in a burst of enthusiasm. 'Why, Albert Edward gave me my first start in life! When the Prince was over here on a visit to the President, a grand review and luncheon was given in his honor right here in Boston. A friend of mine, a Mrs. Brown, was there, and was fairly 'gone' on the young Prince, like ever body else. They all raved about him. After the luncheon she said to me, 'Oh, corporal, can't you give me something that the Prince of Wales has touched. I don't care what, as long as it's something, if it's only a fish-bone.' 'Well,' I said, 'I'll get you those duck bones that I see there on the Prince's plate!' I went over to the table where the Prince had sat, picked up every one of the duck bones that he had left on his plate, and passed them on to Mrs. Brown, who gave me three dollars for the prize, and went her way as proud as a Thanksgiving turkey. I then strolled around the table, collected all the bones which the other people had left, made them up into little parcels, and traded them off to my friends as the real, original duck bones that the Prince of Wales had left on his plate! It was a regular cinch, and I cleared forty-eight dollars by the deal! That's how I got my first start in life from your Prince, the loveliest young gentleman I ever struck."

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Sir George Wombwell Celebrates His Eightieth Birthday.

Sir George Wombwell, who has just celebrated his eightieth birthday, has been described as the Major Pendennis of our day. He withstood all the horrors of the Crimea, rode with the Light Brigade without turning a hair and even still is envied by men half his age for the skill of his tailor and the way he wears his clothes.

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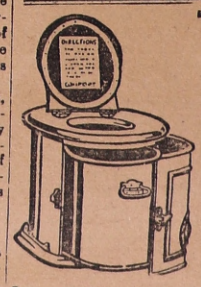
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Just What He Said.

Housekeeper—"How's this? You promised to saw some wood if I gave you a lunch." Tramp—"I recall no such promise, madam." "The idea! I told you I'd give you a lunch if you'd saw some wood, and you agreed." "Pardon me, madam. Your exact words were—'I'll give you a lunch if you saw that wood over there by the gate.'" "Exactly. That's just what I said." "Well, madam, I saw that wood over by the gate as I came in."

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WOMEN CAN'T SET FOOT ON SACRED MT. ATHOS.

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Among the possessions of disrupted Turkey in Europe there is none to which the Greeks have greater claim than the holy Mount of Athos, the most easterly prong of nature's trident—the three similarly shaped peninsulas that extend into the Aegean sea a few miles east of Salonica. Among the inhabitants of the sacred mount, some 7,000 in all, the greater part are Greeks, men who have withdrawn, most of them voluntarily, from life to eke out a lonely existence among the rocky defiles of the peninsula, dividing their time between the cultivation of heaven and earth.

Mount Athos, situated at the extreme southern point of the peninsula, rears its snowcapped summit 6,350 feet above sea level. It looks for all the world like one of the pyramids of Egypt transplanted to a colder clime, and its history is replete with as much mystery and charm. Stand on the plain of old Troy—to-day swallowed up in the name Anatolia—and you may see the hoary peak of Athos against the setting sun. Or climb to the heights of Olympus, in old Thessaly, and there, among the once sacred groves which to-day are infested with bands of thieves who fear neither god or man,

You Again See Athos.

These two peaks, one famed as the abode of gods who are to-day but myths, and the other the abode of holy men, are soon to become Greek again, if Greek diplomacy can so turn the wheel of fortune.

Nothing perhaps is more interesting of the many peculiarities of Mount Athos than the fact that women and even female animals are forever barred from setting foot upon it by a decree issued about the middle of the eleventh century. Lonely man lives there his miserable existence—for miserable it must be where no woman has a part—and dying disappears. Young monks come from the outside world to take the places of those who in their own behalf are merely "translated," but the name of this or that monk remains but a memory. Life there is the downhill stumble to old age and the grave. Never a gay laugh and seldom a smile, so that the sun shines on this God chosen spot in vain.

There are twenty monasteries on Mount Athos all belonging to the order of St. Basil and twelve affiliated monastic communities where live the lay brothers. Others of these religious fanatics occupy hermitages far distant from each other, their goings and their comings guided by the ascetic principles of Saint Athanasius.

Of the monasteries the largest is Russian, there are two Serbo-Bulgarian and the rest are Greek, so that the latter race is largely in the majority, and thus dominates the community and the assembly which governs it. To this assembly each monastery sends one representative. But the Government is very primitive, as are the lives of the monks.

The Monastery Libraries

are vast storehouses of information, containing until comparatively recent times many priceless relics which the monks, their intellectual development having been left to its own devices, cared little or nothing for. Many of these documents tell in the language or Xenophon of the glories of a Greece that was. Indeed, much of the history of the East is locked up in these dust-filled coffreforts in which from time to time this or that wanderer has come across a priceless relic to carry off to the museums of Europe.

One of the most notable finds was a papyrus containing the fables of Aesop in Coliambic verse. But so many curio collectors, attracted by the fabulous tales of voyagers, have taken passage for Mount Athos that the monks have become suspicious and now refuse entrance to nearly all strangers. The larger part of the monastic valuables, however, are in safe and more worthy hands.

The Turks destroyed much of the valuable papyri in the monasteries in making cartridges during the war of the Greek independence in 1820-29. Other valuable documents were torn up by the monks themselves for fishing bait. Such is the value of historical documents to these monks who spend their time apart from their religious devotions in fishing and tilling the land.

In 1749 an attempt was made to establish an academy on the mount. For a time it flourished, drawing the flower of the youth of the East, but the teaching was so primitive that the academy became deserted and to-day is

A Mass of Ruins,

...er which tangled vines, lizards ... other crawling things hold ... the altar of the Byzan... zenith Mount ... retreat for ... Many

others, wealthy and noble, had their fling at life and then banished themselves to Mount Athos.

Viewed from the sea in the fall of the year Athos is a mountain of exquisite beauty, with its shades and tints of dying foliage. High up on the mountain the monasteries can be seen clustering in the niches scooped out by nature. They are all strongly fortified and, with the exception of Rossikson, the Russian monastery, their architecture is a quaint representation of the Byzantine period which had so much influence on the sacred mount to its inhabitants. On the isthmus which separates the mount from the mainland traces can still be seen of the canal dug by Xerxes and his men before the invasion of Greece in 480 B.C. It is the story that Xerxes dug the canal because he feared lest he lose his ships in doubling the cape.

Among the Turks who inhabit the main land in proximity to Mount Athos there has always been a superstition that the Russian monks, some 3,000 in all, are in reality Russian soldiers in disguise, and if ever war should break out between the two countries the monks would seize their arms and march down onto the plain. With the passing of Turkey in Europe it can only be conjectured what new attitude will be assumed between the monks and their "unholy" neighbors.

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TOLL OF WAR IN FIFTY YEARS.

Over Two Million Men Have Been Killed in Battles.

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Under a series of little pictures of fallen soldiers on the battlefield it gives the number of killed in each great war of the past half century, with the strange exception of the Boer war. Here is the record:

Crimean war, 750,000; Italian war of 1859-60; 45,000; American civil war of 1861-65, 800,000; Danish war of 1866 45,000; Franco-German war 215,000; Russo-Turkish war, 250,000; Russo-Japanese war, 200,000.

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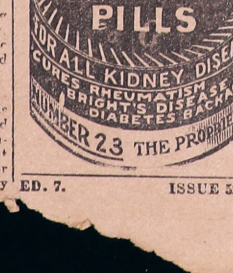
Mexicans Peddle Water.

In some parts of Mexico water is very scarce. Perhaps that accounts for the lack of cleanliness among the natives. Here and there you will see water carriers who have small tanks strapped on their shoulders in much the same manner as the Italian carries his hand organ. In these they carry drinking water from house to house, selling it by the gallon.



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They were at the skating rink. "George," she asked, as they rounded the bend, "is your watch correct?" "Yes," replied George, with a merry laugh; "it is keeping better time since I put your picture inside the case." "Oh, you flatterer! How could that be?" "Well, you see, when I placed your picture inside the case I added another jewel."

Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria.

Pat's Reply.

He had just concluded what he considered the best political speech of the century. "Well, Pat," he asked one of his hearers, with kindly condescension, "what did you think of my speech?" "Sure, it was a grand speech," averred Pat. "Was there any part of it more than another that seemed to hold you?" the speaker asked. "Well, now that you ask me, I'll tell ye," responded the Irishman. "What took hould of me most, sir, was your perseverance—the way ye wint over the same thing agin and agin."

Some people are down on their luck and some others never have any to be down on.

PITCAIRN ISLAND DWELLERS.

Interesting People Descendants of "Bounty" Mutineers.

Bound for the South Seas on a cruise, which will last 185 days, H. M. S. Algerine, Commander Brooker, has just sailed from Esquimalt, B.C. Among other calls to be made will be one at Pitcairn Island, and Commander Brooker took with him clothing, books, etc., for the islanders, the descendants of the Bounty mutineers, who have so few visitors.

The residents of Pitcairn Island are a most interesting people. They are of a light copper color, being descendants of Englishmen who intermarried with natives. Their houses, mostly small cottages of three rooms, are built of lumber sawn by hand from native trees, some of the boards for finishing being secured from passing ships and the tools from kindly ship's carpenters. The men tend their gardens, build boats, fish, etc.

Some grain is grown, but not enough to supply the demands of the islanders and is threshed rudely with flails. The people are of a very religious turn of mind. They built a church many years ago in which is an organ sent to the island by the late Queen Victoria.

The population is about one hundred and fifty in number and the families are so intermarried that the majority of weddings are between cousins. The oldest man on the island is Governor: he is the executive, legislative and judicial branches all in one.

The first settlers were from the ship Bounty. The vessel left Spithead in 1787 and in the spring of 1789 Fletcher Christian and three companions broke into the captain's cabin and bound and gagged him, and the master and mates were set adrift in an open boat. They eventually reached land, and the mutineers after various vicissitudes reached Pitcairn Island and founded the colony which now occupies the little isle.

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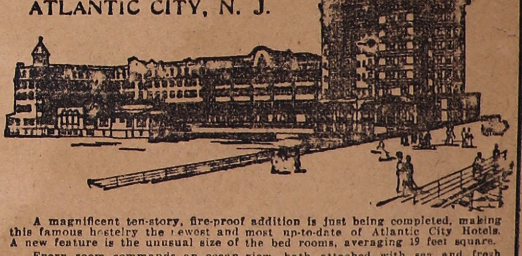

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The German authorities have entered upon a crusade against dime novels. The proposed law against dime novels and sensational literature has been received with favor by the majority of the federated States of Germany. It will probably be submitted to the Federal Council during the present session of Parliament.

The measure will provide a heavy penalty for the display and sale of this kind of literature and for the confiscation of all copies.

A despatch from Delhi India says: Lord Hardinge, viceroy of India, was wounded in the shoulder on Monday by a bomb thrown at his elephant from the house top by a native on the occa, sion of the viceregal durbar signifying the formal removal of India,s capital from Callcutta to Delhi, Lady Hardinge who was in the howdah was unhurt but fainted during the excitement. A native attendant was killed. Wholesale arrests of suspected natives are being made.

Back to N' Yawk.

A snug city flat, with a dumb waiter shat,
With a janitor not too much bent upon graft
With a bath and a kitchenette showing some class
And a nice little, neat little stove that burns gas;
With the "movies" near by and a drug store at hand—
Oh, who could desire to "go back to the land"
From a right little, tight little flat that is neat,
With a delicatessen store right down the street?

—Puck.

Varied Stock.

A writer of "best sellers" who has a cottage "down in Maine" once asked the man who served him with fresh vegetables how much stock he kept on his farm.

"Six cows and a bull," said the produce vender, "two yokes of oxen, a calf, a horse and three shares of Vermont Central."—Lippincott's Magazine.

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The Voice of Reason.

The late Wilbur Sanders of Montana, once United States senator from that state, rode into a Montana mining town one afternoon and found the entire population about to lynch a man who had been stealing ore.

Sanders pushed his way into the crowd.

"Stop this!" he thundered. "Stop this! I protest! There has been too much of this sort of thing in Montana. We must break up this habit we have of hanging men without a trial by law. You must not hang him now. Let us give him a fair and impartial trial as prescribed by law and then hang him!"—Saturday Evening Post.

What Caused It?

[A scientist says that diet of meat causes bad temper.—News Item.]

Time was when Gertrude banged around
And slammed the doors like one possessed
And stormed like one hysterical. Her mother to her friend confessed
'Twas Gertie's temperament that caused such frightful scenes and drove her mad,
But now we know it wasn't so; it was the pork chop Gertrude had.

When Flossie was annoyed because she couldn't have her own sweet way
She used to break a dish or two and storm around for half a day.
"It's temperament," her mother said. "In time I think her ways will sweeten."
But now we know it wasn't that; it was the beefsteak she had eaten.

—Detroit Free Press.

Too Monotonous.

Uncle Ezra—So you fired your new hired man for political reasons? Pretty small, I call it. Didn't happen to belong to the same party as you, I s'pose.

Uncle Eben—You're wrong. He belonged to the same one. That's the trouble. Just think of having a fellow working alongside of you all summer long with no chance for an argument! —Puck.

A Matrimonial Difficulty.

It is not that I love her less
Than when we first were wed;
That there are times when I confess
I wish my vows unsaid.

It is not that she is the boss.
In this respect, you see,
I am content to bear my cross
With all docility.

It is not that she dyes her hair;
I never was deceived.
It is not that she's proved less fair
And fond than I believed.

Her heart is true, and mine no less,
So 'tis not cardiac.
It's simply this: She wears a dress
That buttons down the back!

—New York Tribune.

Not Now.

"Who's the rummy you've just brought in?" inquired the police sergeant.

"He says he's a congressman," responded the patrolman.

"What district?"

"I asked 'im that, an' he says he was a congressman at large."

"Well, he isn't!" snapped the sergeant. "Lock him up!"—Chicago Tribune.

COUSIN JOSEPH'S HAPPIEST NEW YEAR

MR. JOSEPH NEWTON paused before ringing the doorbell . looked about him. To come back to one's home after fifteen years is an experience for any one to think over, and he found himself looking for familiar objects.

"Is Mr. Shaw at home?" he inquired of the young girl who answered his ring.

"No; he was called away early this morning to see his sick brother," said the girl. She looked like a rosy country maiden, though her face was delicate and her form slight. "I think he will be back this afternoon," she added

"I wanted to see him on business," said Mr. Newton, "and I think I will wait for him. I understood that the Newton family had some sort of reunion today, and I expected him to be here."

"Yes; they always have a family gathering on New Year's day," explained the girl, "but I persuaded auntie that Bob and I could manage for one day. Bob's only thirteen, but he's good help for a boy. I am Mrs. Shaw's niece and have been visiting here for

"THAT DOES SEEM MEAN," ASSENTED MR. NEWTON.

a week. Please take a chair in the parlor, for I must hurry back to the kitchen."

"Let me help you," said Mr. Newton, following her to the kitchen, where Bob was washing sweet potatoes.

"How many do you expect?" asked the man, ladling gravy over the fowls that were turning a lovely brown in the big oven.

"Oh, they all will be here except their brother Joseph, who lives in the city, and he never honors the gatherings with his presence," said Tory.

"Why doesn't he come, or is he the black sheep of the family who isn't invited?" asked Mr. Newton.

"You wouldn't think he was the black sheep if you could hear the family talk about him," said the girl scornfully. "It's all 'Brother Joseph' and 'Cousin Joseph' till I'm sick of the very name. They think because he went to the city and got rich that he's the most wonderful person that ever lived."

"Whew!" said Mr. Newton, enjoying the little country girl exceedingly. "Maybe he is wonderful. Did you ever see him?"

"He never comes out here," said Tory, providing her guest with a sharp knife and a pan of potatoes as soon as he rose from his knees by the oven. "He must be a regular skinflint or he wouldn't act the way he does. Why, they say he has more money than he knows what to do with, and his brother's little girl is suffering for the right kind of medical treatment. The doctor says that if her limb could have the proper care she might have the use of it again, but her parents won't accept charity."

"That does seem mean," agreed Mr. Newton, "but perhaps he doesn't know about these things."

"There they come!" cried Bob, dropping his sweet potatoes and rushing out to help Cousin Charity out of the old surrey driven by her brother. "I'd rather put away horses any day than putter around in the kitchen."

"This is a gentleman who came to see uncle," said Tory when Cousin Charity had limped into the sitting room and was established by the fire. "He's been helping Bob and me in the kitchen. Now you just sit still, for your rheumatism will be worse if you try to walk around. We'll get along all right."

"I must have forgotten to tell you my name," said Mr. Newton. "If your uncle shouldn't get back this afternoon you may tell him James Bradford wanted to see him."

"Very well, Mr. Bradford; you may look after the turkeys once more, and then we will set the tables."

"If Brother Joseph could just be here today the family gathering would be complete," said Mrs. Randall as she helped with the table setting. "He is so busy and has so much on his mind that it's unreasonable to expect such a thing, but I do wish we could see him."

"Well, if he knew what he misses I'll venture to say he'd be here, no matter how much business he has on hand," said Tory, surveying the long table with pride. "The idea of missing a dinner like this for a few dollars!"

"My brother lives in Chicago, Mr. Bradford," explained Mrs. Randall, "and he never has been home since he left the farm. He has made a fortune and is one of the prominent business men of the city, so he has little time for visiting. This is his picture taken some months before he went away." And Mr. Newton found himself gazing at a boy who seemed all hands and feet, while his head was painfully held in place by a stiff collar and the high back of the chair in which he was seated.

Dinner was served promptly at 12, and during the long meal Joseph Newton had the unusual experience of hearing his praises sung by his relatives. He dished up quarts of gravy, cut piles of bread, supplied hungry boys and girls with turkey and chicken, obeyed Tory's numerous directions as well as he could and in every way made himself useful.

"You don't want any outsiders at the table," he said, following Tory's example. "I will help Miss Tory so that you all can be together."

"All but Brother Joseph," said several voices at once, and all looked at the place religiously kept vacant at the table for the absent member.

"I'm going to sit right down here in Brother Joseph's place," declared Mr. Newton when at last he and Tory had a chance to sit down for refreshments and rest their tired feet. "I don't care if it is the 'seat perilous.'"

During the dishwashing Mr. Newton enjoyed to the utmost the conversation of the young girl and joyfully dismissed Bob so that he might draw her out without being bothered by the boy's many questions and complaints "Why have I never met such a girl before?" he said over and over, only to remember that the few girls he had met during his money making career were society belles. "I'd like to educate her," he concluded when the dish towels had been hung on the line and the kitchen put in order. "With an education she might develop into a very bright woman."

"Now, you must go into the sitting room," said Tory briskly. "I have some work to do upstairs and must get rid of my pinafore for something more appropriate to this joyful occasion. I promised to play for them after awhile."

From the outcry five minutes later in the parlor Tory guessed what was going on, so she leisurely dressed and sat down by the window to look across the wide white fields. Her uncle and aunt drove into the yard and made their way to the house. Into the midst of her thoughts came her aunt's voice calling "Tory, Tory," and she slowly rose to go downstairs.

"This is Brother Joseph!" cried three voices at once before Tory reached the sitting room. "We forgot all about you in the excitement. Isn't it wonderful we didn't recognize him?"

"He thinks you're about fifteen, Tory, and wants to educate you," put in the irrepressible Bob, with a broad grin on his freckled face. "He thinks you're awful smart."

From his dusky corner Joseph Newton advanced to meet the young lady in the simple white frock with her dark hair wound round her head in the latest fashion. Her dress was simplicity itself, but there was the unmistakable stamp of fashion upon it, and from the crown of her head to the tip of her dainty shoes the city man recognized the city maiden.

"You are Miss Victoria Stoddard, and I had the pleasure of taking you out to dinner last Friday evening," he said smilingly. "I think I made some remark about the young women of today in comparison with their grandmothers which you resented, did I not? I am ready to apologize humbly and say that all my ideas of life have suffered a revolution during the past twelve hours. I thank you very much for your suggestions this morning and shall carry them out to the letter as well as some of my own."

"We are all to stay for supper, so that Brother Joseph's place will not be vacant today," said Mrs. Randall. "There is plenty of food, and we can manage very well."

"Did you know who he was all the time?" asked Bob, with wide open eyes. "I guess girls are some account after all."

"Of course I did," said Miss Stoddard.

"Robert, listen to me," said Mr. Newton solemnly. "You have yet many things to learn if you have not discovered the superiority of the ladies over common, ordinary men. I have finished the first page of the primer of instruction today in that important branch and shall expect my teacher to carry on the good work when we are back in the city once more."

"I don't know who your teacher is, but you'd better get Tory to help you with your lessons. She's a dandy when it comes to hard problems. Why, Tory's been to Europe and graduated from I don't know how many schools. When she comes out here she says she just likes"—

"Shake hands on it, Miss Victoria," said Mr. Newton as Victoria frowned in vain at her young relative. "I feel better now since we are in the same boat. Brother Joseph will have to take a back seat while Cousin Tory is receiving her bouquets. And now for our song."—Hilda Richmond in Forward.

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TROGLODYTES OF TUNIS.

Inhabitants of a North African Town Live In Caves.

It is interesting to hear and know about some sections of the world of which seldom any mention is made. A writer traveling through southern Tunis in Northern Africa came across many cave dwellings. The troglodytes who live in them to-day are descendants of the men who lived in similar caves when the country was part of the Roman Empire. The traveler describes his visit to the region in this manner:

"Imagine arriving at a town of 5,000 people and not seeing a single house; only a picturesque mosque built since the French occupation. There are 20,000 people in the district, of which this town of Matmata is the chief city. All of them are troglodytes.

"There is, first of all, a great hole dug in the earth; the average hole is perhaps 28 feet deep and 45 or 50 feet in circumference. This hole is used as a patio, or courtyard. Numerous caves dug in the walls serve as living rooms, chambers and storehouses.

"One enters these dwellings by means of a passageway tunneled through earth or rock. Some of the ceilings are roughly ornamented with Arabic designs cut in low relief in the rock, and the dates when the dwellings were dug. None seems to go back more than a hundred years. The earlier troglodytes were all "climbing troglodytes," dwelling in caves in the mountains. . .

"Walking through the passage into the circular courtyard, open to the sky, one sees large caves cut into the sides, that serve as grain storehouses. There are also caves here for goats, sheep, and donkeys. A square trough of masonry pipes the rain water into a large cistern in the centre of the courtyard. It rains rarely, but when it rains, it pours, and every drop of water is carefully preserved—so carefully that horses and animals are watered only once every 24 hours, and then get not all they want.

"Sheik Ferdjani asks us to enter. A young man burns a handful of dry esparto-grass, which flames up and shows us the steps and turns of the tunnel.

"The courtyard is full of children. At least a dozen from 2 to 12 years old are curiously watching us.

"Pushing open a door of palm tree boards, we enter the sheik's cave. It was whitewashed. To the left is a wooden chest and a gun, one of many. Back of the gun is a shelf cut out of the rock, and and oil lamp standing on it—the shape dating back to Greek and Roman days. There is also a bedstead cut out of the rock, and on it are comfortable mattresses filled with wool, and native blankets or rugs. Above the bedstead is a cupboard.

"The wives of the sheik live in a cave similar to this, and so do their sons, and their wives and children. The question of rent is not of great importance. Hollowing out another cave is not a very difficult task."

Strength of a Bear.

Few people know that a grizzly bear can give points to any other carnivorous animal in point of strength. A grizzly bear weighing just four hundredweight has been watched carrying a heifer of more than two-thirds its own weight for two miles up the most steep and rugged mountain side, and this without pausing one instant for rest. The grizzly bear is the largest and most powerful of all the bear tribe, but his cousin, the cinnamon bear, runs him very close, and the big white polar bear, though not really so dangerous a customer, is capable of performing the most extraordinary feats of strength.

Portugal's Colonies.

From Lisbon in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries went out mariners through the unknown and uncharted oceans to Africa, India and the new world to the west and planted the flag of Portugal in every corner of the globe. But in Africa alone has Portugal maintained its hold of colonies of any magnitude. In India are little bits of Portuguese territory, Nova Goa, southeast of Bombay, being the capital of all Portugal's colonies east of Cape of Good Hope, while as far east as China the island of Macao, in the Canton river, first colonized nearly 400 years ago, still owns the sovereignty of the government at Lisbon.

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